

UN force to get French MNF men

PARIS (AP). — France announced yesterday that its 2,000-man contingent in the Multinational Force in Beirut would be reduced by about 500 men, but that the troops would be transferred to the UN force in Southern Lebanon.

A joint communique by the Foreign and Defence Ministries said that the 482-man unit originally had been transferred from the UN force in Lebanon to the Multinational Force in September 1982, and that it now would be re-integrated with the UN force.

Defence Ministry sources said the redeployment, which will take place at the end of January, is a reflection of a gradual easing of fighting in Beirut.

The communique emphasized that "the return to the UN force in Lebanon of this element obviously does not modify the mission of the Multinational Force in Beirut, in particular, the French contingent of this force."

The redeployment will bring the French contribution to the UN force in the south to about 1,370 men, leaving about 1,600 troops in Beirut, the source said. Another 2,500 sailors and pilots are aboard French naval vessels off the Lebanese coast.

Officials said that Defence Minister Charles Hernu personally informed Lebanese President Amin Jemayel of the decision.

A rocket-propelled grenade was fired at the French headquarters of the Multinational Force yesterday but caused no casualties.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem held a two-hour meeting with U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew yesterday. The privately-owned Central News Agency said Salem was urging that the U.S. convince Israel not to pull back its troops in the south without coordinating such moves with the Lebanese Army.

The government-run radio also reported Salem had asked U.S. help in coordinating any Israeli redeployment. U.S. Embassy spokesmen were not available for comment.



Workers of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs demonstrate for higher wages yesterday at the Treasury in Jerusalem. Story on Page 3.
(Rahamim Israeli)

Sanctions go on; threat of strikes

As workers in various ministries and unions continued their sanctions yesterday, others threatened to go out on strike unless their salary demands were met.

Some 850 Interior Ministry workers yesterday continued their sanctions, refusing to issue passports and identity cards, and answer telephone calls and send mail. However, they agreed to forward money to the local authorities to pay salaries.

The 3,500 income-tax and property tax workers eased up a bit in their actions, too, as the Civil Service Commission was examining their demands. Following their meeting on Sunday, Moshe Gunster, chairman of the works committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* the workers will continue opening offices only at 9:30 a.m., but during this week will again go out on assignments.

But other public servants threatened to join the thousands already involved in sanctions.

Reuven Ben-Ami, secretary of the Civil Servants Union, said the 2,500 Transport Ministry employees

will decide today on their next steps.

The Agriculture Ministry workers will take a day off on Wednesday, and on Thursday the postal workers may resume sanctions because management has so far refused to negotiate their demands, Ben-Ami said.

Elihu Reiff, secretary of the Clerks Union, last night reiterated that local authority workers will declare a labour dispute — and follow up with sanctions — unless managements agree to "serious negotiations" over wage increases. He said the workers will wait only a few more days. "People cannot make a living now," he complained.

The Engineers Union meanwhile declared a labour dispute over its demand for extra pay for members taking advanced courses. The Union's secretary, Yitzhak Raz, said the engineers deserve extra pay because technicians were getting extra pay in similar instances.

A press release the union issued yesterday noted that it could legally call a strike or sanctions beginning January 28. No date had been set

yet — but when steps are taken they will involve some 28,000 engineers in the Israel Aircraft Industries, the Military Industries, Electric Corporation, Koor, government companies and offices as well as in all local councils and universities.

A spokesman for the local authorities said yesterday that while they are "well aware of the wage problems of workers, especially on the lower salary levels," budgetary laws forbid entering into negotiations outside the framework of work agreements pertaining to all civil servants.

A Ministry of the Interior spokesman said that if sanctions by workers continue, local offices could stop functioning within several days. This is because funds are not being delivered to pay for services and salaries, he said.

Electric Corporation employees yesterday switched their industrial action to Jerusalem, closing a number of offices to put a point on their wage demands.

Six departments at power stations and offices in the central and southern regions will be closed to

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A-G calls for probe into bank-share imbroglio

Jerusalem Post Staff

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has called for the establishment of a committee to inquire into the bank-share crisis of last October.

In a letter to Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad, Zamir suggests that the Ministerial Economic Committee appoint a committee for this purpose. Cohen-Orgad announced yesterday that he would bring the attorney-general's proposal to a meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee soon.

Zamir wrote Cohen-Orgad that the reasons for the crisis, which led to the closing of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last October 6, must be investigated.

"The bank-share crisis," reads the letter, "caused damage to individuals who had invested their money in these shares, and caused losses to the State of Israel, which took large financial obligations upon itself as a result of the crisis. The scale of the crisis and the reasons for it obligate a thorough investigation of the facts of the case so that it will be possible to make judgements and to draw the appropriate conclusions."

The crisis resulted because the shares of the country's major banks were inflated. When the public, correctly anticipating a large devaluation of the shekel, sold bank shares to buy foreign currency, the banks maintained the value of their shares by buying them.

The public panicked and continued to sell enormous numbers of bank shares to buy dollars. At a certain point the banks simply ran out of money and had to turn to the government for help.

The government agreed to bail out the banks to prevent the collapse of many businesses and a worse crisis in the economy. Under the salvation scheme, the government guaranteed the price of bank shares at the still-inflated October 6 price over a five-year period. The

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Tough struggle for Orgad with ministers today

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee today is to begin deliberations on the details of the 1984/85 budget, following the cabinet's approval in principle on Sunday of the Treasury's proposed IS1,433 trillion total expenditure for next fiscal year.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is expected to have some difficulty persuading individual ministers to accept cuts in their respective ministries' budgets.

The Treasury yesterday announced a 15 to 18 per cent increase in the price of basic commodities. The price of electricity is also expected to rise in the next few days, since Cohen-Orgad has persuaded coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee to approve the increase. Electricity prices will go up 14 per cent retroactive from December 1, and a further 14 per cent retroactive from January 1. (See story page 2)

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday that the government printed some IS28b. during December to finance the excess of spending over revenue.

The central bank reported that IS3 billion were used to support the prices of bank shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The other IS25b. was used to finance various government operations.

Money printed to finance the purchase of bank shares excepted, the government has so far injected some IS138b. into the economy in the current fiscal year ending in April.

The Finance Ministry budgeted

for an injection of some IS70b. for the whole 1983/84 fiscal year.

Treasury officials said yesterday large sums of money were printed last month because of a sharp fall in tax revenue. The main fall was registered in income taxes, and customs' revenue decreased by some 10 per cent.

Cohen-Orgad yesterday began negotiations with some ministers on proposals for cuts in their ministries' budgets.

The following are the new prices of basic products as of this morning:

	New price IS	Old price IS
BREAD		
standard loaf	14.70	12.80
white loaf	21.40	18.20
standard loaf	26.50	24.70
COOKING OIL		
plastic litre bottle	116.50	98.50
plastic five-litre bottle	550.00	465.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS		
litre milk	41.00	35.70
condensed milk	45.80	39.80
butter	33.00	28.60
cheese	15.70	13.90
FROZEN MEAT (per kilogram)		
chopped beef	545	470
shoulder roast	666	574
surcharge per kilo for pre-lambing	23	20
FROZEN CHICKEN		
No. 1 and No. 2	275	250
No. 3	250	218
EGGS		
No. 1	9.80	8.50
No. 2	9.70	8.40
No. 3	9.00	7.80

Margarine is not priced because it is no longer subsidized.

Standard bread is still subsidized to the extent of 180 per cent, edible oil 95, milk 41, frozen chicken 47 and eggs 54 per cent.

Meshel slams Orgad's 'indecent price rises'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel last night accused Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad of acting dishonourably and indecently in raising the prices of basic commodities.

Meshel also reiterated his opposition to any package deal with the government, but said he was ready to reach "arrangements" on various topics.

His reaction seemed much milder than that of other senior Histadrut officials.

Meshel's grievance with Cohen-Orgad was that prices were raised as soon as it was too late to compensate workers for increases in the cost-of-living allowance payment. The cost-of-living allowance is to be raised with the paycheques for this month on the basis of price rises until December 31. Thus wage earners are likely to be compensated for further increases only with April's paycheques.

The labour federation spokesman last night quoted Meshel as saying the Histadrut will "consider appropriate steps" regarding the price rises, but nothing concrete has yet been proposed.

Meshel maintained his strong opposition to a package deal — although the Likud faction in the Histadrut claims he has no authority to do so.

Likud faction leaders Ya'acov Shamai, Ze'evul Shalish and Daniel Nahmani said yesterday that Meshel's pronouncements were invalid because the labour federation's executive had not discussed the matter. They called for an immediate debate in the executive on the proposed package deal.

Meshel appeared to welcome such a debate, arguing that it would give his faction the opportunity to explain why the Histadrut would not join hands with the government.

He argued that a package deal required a "social contract" and that there was no room for that with the Likud government.

The Histadrut opposes a package deal also because it would be likely to entail a wage freeze. Speaking in Zichron Ya'acov yesterday, Histadrut Trade Union Department head Israel Kessar said experience had shown that even when there was a formal agreement between the government, the private employers and the Histadrut to freeze wages, taxes and prices, merchants and producers found ways to raise prices. The government continued printing money and the only ones who really paid were the workers whose wages were frozen, he said.

Abuhatzaira completes his 3-month term

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGAN. — Knesset Member Aharon Abuhatzaira yesterday completed his three-month prison sentence for fraud, and left the police station where he served his sentence, departing in his chauffeur driven car.

Abuhatzaira did clerical work at the Beit Dagan police station, having obtained work outside prison walls in place of regular prison service.

He completed his term one day later than scheduled because he had missed one day because of illness in December.

Abuhatzaira generally worked at the Beit Dagan police station until 4 p.m., although two days a week he finished work at 2:30 p.m. He was then free until the following morning.

Abuhatzaira yesterday had no comment to reporters waiting for him at the gates of the police station.

Shamir rejects vital role for UNIFIL in S. Lebanon

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir seemed to dismiss the possibility yesterday of UNIFIL playing a peace-keeping role in South Lebanon. In a lengthy conversation over lunch with visiting French co-president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the prime minister said that UNIFIL did not do much before the June 1982 war, and has done nothing since then.

Former premier Yitzhak Rabin recently proposed that the UN Interim Forces in Lebanon man a buffer-zone between the Awwal and Zaharani rivers. Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post*, Rabin said UNIFIL's role before the war had been maligned in Israel. It had prevented nearly all infiltration at-

tempts through its area of control, he said.

Rabin said a role for UNIFIL in the future, bolstered by a local (mainly Shi'ite) militia force in the south supported by Israel, could enable the IDF to ensure the security of the border region without actually occupying South Lebanon.

On Sunday, a senior defence source in Jerusalem rejected Rabin's proposal on the grounds that the Soviets and other inimical states at the UN would not countenance a redefinition of UNIFIL's mandate if this were desired by Israel.

Israeli sources said the Shamir-Giscard meeting went

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Jackson's bid to free pilot at 'very sensitive stage'

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — U.S. presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson

met Syrian leader Hafez Assad here yesterday and said afterwards his bid to free captured American pilot Lt. Robert Goodman was at a very sensitive stage.

Jackson made a brief statement to reporters at his hotel after a 90-minute meeting with Assad at a villa on the outskirts of Damascus but declined to answer questions.

"We are at a very sensitive stage of this appeal. We hope fully before this day is over we will have a final judgment. I intend to say nothing until the final decision has been made," the black civil-rights leader declared.

A Syrian presidential spokesman

told Reuters the Syrian leadership would discuss the matter with "concern."

A small group of reporters allowed to go to Assad's villa said Assad greeted Jackson and three members of his delegation outside, shook their hands and invited them inside.

After 70 minutes, the other delegation members — churchmen William Howard and Jack Mendelsohn together with Jackson policy adviser Tom Porter — came out. Jackson and Assad talked alone for another 20 minutes.

Jackson said Assad "appeared to be in good health and in good spirits." He said the meeting with Assad was "warm" and the Syrian leader "listened intently."

JERUSALEM POST POLL

Settlement budget should be cut first

Jerusalem Post Staff

Seventy-two per cent of Israelis think that in the framework of a national austerity programme the first budget to be cut should be the one for settlements in Judea and Samaria, a *Jerusalem Post* poll reveals.

More than half of those questioned (51.6 per cent) were still prepared to forgo part of their cost-of-living allowance, although the proportion is less than it was last April. Half of the respondents said that strike action was unjustified.

In the poll, which was carried out

by the Modi'in Ezrachi Research Institute late last month, respondents were asked which three sectors should have their budgets trimmed. After the settlements came development projects such as the Lavi and the Med-Dead Canal (52 per cent), higher education (29 per cent) and absorption of new immigrants (27 per cent).

Modi'in Ezrachi analysts said both Likud and Labour voters placed settlements at the top of the list for cuts.

Another question, which was also put last April, asked salaried

respondents whether they were willing to forgo part of their cost-of-living bonuses to slow inflation.

While 62.6 per cent were willing to forgo part of their compensation in April, only 51.6 per cent were willing to do so last month. Furthermore, 41.8 per cent said in December they were unwilling to forgo part of their compensation, while only 23 per cent had been unwilling to do so in April.

Analysts pointed out that while a majority of salaried workers are willing to forgo part of the cost-of-

living bonuses, the percentage is down from last spring.

A third question asked in the poll was, "Do you think it is justified or unjustified for workers to strike because of the erosion in wages?"

While 28.7 per cent considered strike action justified, 50 per cent felt it was unjustified. Of Likud voters answering this question, 25.9 per cent felt strike action was justified and 50.7 per cent did not. Forty-five per cent of Labour voters thought strike action unjustified, while 36.6 per cent considered it justified.

Study says Beduin get poor medical care

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The medical services available to the 54,000 Beduin in the Negev are "below the minimum standard to which every citizen is entitled," only nine doctors serve the entire Beduin population (a doctor-patient ratio of 1:6,000) and of the five clinics for Beduin, most are open only until 1 p.m., and two are not open on a daily basis.

These are some of the findings of an independent survey carried out by Dr. Dov Kalvin, director of the Polyclinic Health Services, a private concern with clinics in Beersheba and Arad. Polyclinic also operates a mobile clinic serving the Beduin community.

Both the Health Ministry, which

operates family health clinics in the Negev, and Kupat Holim, which operates Soroka Hospital and several clinics serving the Beduin population, took issue with Kalvin's findings.

During the five months we have operated the mobile clinic, I have become concerned about the rising dissatisfaction among the Beduin with the medical care available to them, Kalvin told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"We are in danger of damaging decades of good neighbourly relations between Israel and the Beduin, who have been loyal citizens since the founding of the state," he said.

In the survey, Kalvin cites the low doctor-patient ratio and the scarcity

of community health services in the afternoon and evening as two major problems. He contrasts the 1:6,000 doctor-patient ratio among the Beduin with the ratio in the town of Arad, which has 18 doctors serving its 15,000 residents, giving the town one doctor for every 850 residents.

According to the survey, five clinics serve the Beduin population: Kusseifa, Rahat, Tel Sheva, the minorities clinic in Beersheba and Arouar. Of these five, only the Rahat clinic is open after 7 p.m. and the clinics at Tel Sheva and Arouar are not open every day, it says.

While the clinic at Rahat is "splendid and serves its population well until 2 p.m.," the Kusseifa facility, on the Arad-Beersheba

road, is located in "a hut with neither electricity nor washrooms," the survey says.

The Health Ministry's southern district medical officer, Dr. Viola Toerek "totally rejects" Kalvin's assertion that medical care for the Beduin is below minimum standard.

"Of course, it is impossible to give exactly the same type of service in an area with a widely-distributed population as in an urban area," she told *The Post*. "But we have a very good network of both family health clinics and Kupat Holim clinics which offer complete health services to the Beduin community," she said.

Kupat Holim Clalit spokesman David Taggar called the medical

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Fatah panel in 'total accord'

TUNIS. — An emergency meeting

of the Central Committee of Fatah, the main group in the Palestine Liberation Organization, concluded in "total accord," committee member Khaled Hassan said yesterday.

Details of yesterday's meeting of the 14-member committee, including PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, were not released. But the agenda included discussion of Arafat's controversial meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Hassan said the 11-member PLO Executive Committee "will get together soon" to discuss developments in the Middle East.

The Fatah committee also agreed on a new strategy following Arafat's evacuation from Tripoli, he said.

Jordan's King Hussein said last night one or more "Arab sisters" are trying to establish control over the PLO and undermine its

legitimacy.

"There is clearly an attempt to control and contain it (the PLO) by one or more Arab sisters," Hussein said in a Jordan state-run television interview.

He said the attempt to control the PLO was illegal and unacceptable. It was being implemented by force of arms with the participation of some Palestinians. Hussein did not refer to any state by name.

The king said Jordan's position regarding the PLO was clear. "We consider it exists, and that its existence and continuation depend on its ability to return to the roots and to draw its strength and the justification of its existence from the people it represents," he said.

Asked about the prospects for a renewed Jordanian-Palestinian relationship, he said the situation demanded its establishment as soon as possible. (AP, Reuters)

Egyptian envoy gives Hussein message

AMMAN (AP). — Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak's political adviser, Osama al-Baz, yesterday delivered a message from the Egyptian president to King Hussein of Jordan, official sources said.

Contents of the message were not disclosed, but the sources said it dealt with the latest developments in the Middle East, and mainly with

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat's meeting with Mubarak in Cairo 11 days ago.

Egypt has encouraged renewed talks between Arafat and Hussein on a Palestinian confederation with Jordan in the West Bank and Gaza. The talks were severed last May when Arafat came under pressure from radical Palestinian factions.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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BRUSSELS	1	9	34 48
Buenos Aires	21	26	70 79
CHICAGO	10	14	50 57
COPENHAGEN	3	7	37 45
FRANKFURT	3	7	37 45
GENEVA	4	25	39 77
HELSINKI	11	12	52 54
HONG KONG	18	21	64 70
Johannesburg	18	21	64 70
LONDON	6	29	43 84
MADRID	1	11	34 52
MONTREAL	27	27	81 81
NEW YORK	4	25	39 77
OSLO	4	25	39 77
PARIS	0	43	32 109
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	26	70 79
SAO PAULO	18	21	64 70
STOCKHOLM	0	22	32 72
TOKYO	0	22	32 72
TORONTO	21	27	81 81
VIENNA	2	28	36 82
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

	Humidity	Min-Max	Min
Jerusalem	78	7-12	12
Golan	89	5-11	11
Nahariya	73	5-18	18
Safed	88	5-11	12
Haifa Port	63	12-18	19
Thiberias			18
Nazareth	93	7-14	16
Afula	82	8-18	18
Shomron	79	8-14	15
Tel Aviv	79	11-17	17
B-G Airport	85	10-17	17
Jencho	63	10-20	20
Gaza	91	12-16	17
Beersheba	47	9-12	16
Eilat	90	10-20	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday greeted former French president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Prof. Eliahu Nissim of the Technion's department of aeronautical engineering has been appointed vice-president for academic affairs.

The Jerusalem String Trio, with guest pianist Daniel Hoexter, will give a benefit performance of Mozart and Brahms at the Jerusalem Khan on Saturday, January 14, at 8:30 p.m., in aid of the Anti-Tuberculosis League's Jerusalem chapter.

Holon man killed in auto collision

HOLON (Itim). — A Holon man was killed and another from Dimona was injured in a collision between two cars here yesterday.

The dead man was Roni Mizrahi, 27. The injured man, whose name was not released, was taken to hospital.

Kibbutznik wins IS14m.

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The richest kibbutznik in the country is Moshe Keshet, 64, of Hahotrim, who won IS14 million in this week's Toto football pool by guessing correctly the outcomes of 13 games.

A Holocaust survivor who came to the country in 1948, Keshet said he has been playing the pools for 10 years. Although by kibbutz rules the money should go to the kibbutz, Keshet said he would like the money to be spent on a sports hall and would want to use some of it to visit his daughters in the U.S. He is married and has three daughters.

Mozambique rebels get no aid from Israel

The Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday categorically denied reports from Mozambique that Israel is training underground fighters in that country.

The spokesman said Israel neither supports nor aids, either directly or indirectly, this underground, and called the reports totally unfounded.

BANK SHARES

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extent of the government's obligation depends on the performance of the share market during the next five years, but the loss could be over \$4 billion, in the opinion of most observers.

In most western countries, the propping up of bank shares by the banks themselves buying them is illegal. In Israel it is legal, but it proved to be ill-advised. Observers say an inquiry might look into the question as to how the banks were permitted by the Bank of Israel to behave as they did. It may consider allegations that the banks unethically advised their customers to buy their shares, and look into rumours that senior bank executives and local branch managers themselves dumped their shares, while continuing to advise their customers that they were solid, observers said.

Another field for investigation is the government plan to save the banks, which in effect risks large amounts of public money to save private institutions and individual investors, observers said.

IMMIGRANTS. — Twenty-five representatives of kibbutz settlement groups from the U.S. this week began a course at the Ramat Efiel kibbutz centre.

HOME NEWS

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

Bill would up travel tax to IS14,000

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday presented for its first reading a bill raising the travel tax to IS14,000, index-linked.

But the debate was halted after only six of the 14 members registered had spoken, apparently because of opposition from the Liberals and Tami, in both the Finance Committee and in the plenum.

Cohen-Orgad said the higher tax would not only reduce the demand for foreign currency but would also give Israelis an incentive to spend their vacations in Israel.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberals) said that so high a tax on foreign travel constitutes interference with the citizen's right to go abroad.

Ben-Zion Rubin (Tami) proposed that the tax remain at the present rate but that only \$500 of the \$3,000 foreign currency allocation be sold at the official rate, with any amount above that taxed 15 per cent. He

thought this would be fair to those who go to nearby countries for a short vacation and who do not need more than \$500. It would also not be excessive for those who go to more distant countries for longer periods, he said.

A third coalition speaker, Meir Cohen-Avidov, suggested that the travel tax paid by self-employed persons not be recognized as business expense.

The increased tax was also opposed by opposition speakers Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui), Charlie Biton (Democratic Front), and Shevah Weiss (Alignment).

The debate will be resumed at a future Knesset session.

A government bill imposing the land-betterment tax on land transactions between Israeli citizens in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza district passed its first reading yesterday. The vote was 54-46.

Opposition speakers, Weiss for one, attacked the bill as another step in the "creeping annexation of the territories by means of legislation."

Haim Ramon (Alignment) said that, step by step, the government is applying Israeli law in Judea and Samaria to Jews only. The bill's aim is not to collect more taxes but to establish two systems of justice in the territories, he said.

Tewfik Toubi (Democratic Front) said that the bill aims to institutionalize land expropriation and dispossession by the occupying authorities.

Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM) denounced the bill for dealing with a particular class of people rather than with all who live in the territory. It gives the Jews extra-territorial rights, she said.

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman, who presented the bill, did not reply.

Suspected terrorist dies of his wounds

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A Jenin resident, shot Sunday night while apparently trying to evade an Israeli Defence Forces patrol, died yesterday in Rashad Hospital in Nablus.

Reida Kalyani, thought to have been in his late twenties, was suspected of being a member of an underground organization, according to security sources.

Early Sunday evening a routine IDF patrol near the Jelazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah ordered a car to stop. The car fled and the patrol gave chase along the main road to Nablus.

The patrol opened fire, bringing the car to a stop, but the driver got out

and escaped in another vehicle, security sources said. Bullets were found in the wheels of the first vehicle and there were bloodstains on the driver's seat.

Towards midnight a wounded man was dropped off at Rashad Hospital from a car which immediately drove off.

The man was operated on but died yesterday morning. He was subsequently identified as Kalyani, whose name appears on security forces' lists.

Meanwhile, East Jerusalem papers yesterday carried several notices from individuals and institutions in Gaza sharply condemning the weekend handgrenade attack on the deposed mayor of the city, Rashad Shawwa.

A large announcement in *Al-Fajr* termed the attack "a criminal act" of political terrorism which causes tremendous damage to our people and our cause, and said that freedom of speech is an inalienable right.

Shawwa has stated that he suspects the attack was mounted by an Arab who disapproved of his recent statements in support of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's recent meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

In Ramallah and Bethlehem unidentified persons have been daubing anti-Arafat slogans on walls, denouncing him as a traitor and condemning any rapprochement with Egypt.

Rom: No racism in Upper Nazareth

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Herut MK Yosef Rom yesterday rejected charges that attempts to keep Arabs out of Upper Nazareth amounted to racism.

"I want equal rights for Arabs," Rom told a symposium at the Hebrew University, "and I support their right to live in Upper Nazareth."

Rom was reacting to charges made by Nazareth Deputy Mayor Ramez Jerassy.

"But I also want more Jews in the Galilee," Rom continued, "and I don't want to wake up one morning to find an Arab majority there as setting its claim to the entire territory."

Conflicts in the development

town overlooking the Arab city of Nazareth have broken out during the past year over the increasing number of Arabs buying flats from Jews and moving in. About 3,000 of the 25,000 residents of the town are Arabs, the symposium heard.

Rom said the root of the problem was a national conflict between two ethnic groups with claims to the same land.

He added that a narrow line divides the national aspect of the problem of Upper Nazareth from the civil rights aspect, and this creates some harsh dilemmas for Jews. He rejected as "hypocrisy" the view that only the Alignment cares about equality for the Arabs. He supports mixed Jewish-Arab

towns, and said that forced separation creates extremism and negative phenomena.

Most participants at the symposium, titled "Upper and Lower Nazareth and Israeli Society," agreed that the tension had been exploited for political purposes by extremists on both sides, the Kach movement of Rabbi Meir Kahane on the Jewish side and the anti-state elements in Rakah on the Arab side.

Rome and the Alignment participants — Beersheba mayor Eliahu Navi and MK Edna Solodar — agreed that the pressure on Upper Nazareth would be reduced, if the government provided more public housing for the young Arab couples of Nazareth.

Bank clerks advise clients to wipe out their overdrafts

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Post Finance Reporter
Bank clients apprehensive about new interest rates on overdrafts were being advised yesterday to try to eliminate their overdrafts and not to resume them.

Clients were told that a IS10,000 overdraft would be charged interest of IS55.50 daily. They were told that if "just didn't pay to continue the overdraft."

Wage-earners were quick to point out that it would be difficult for them to keep a positive balance in their account, since it would no longer be practical to maintain an overdraft until it was covered by the monthly salary.

In most cases, bankers suggested that clients do away with the overdraft by selling shares or bonds. There were no answers offered to people who do not own bonds or shares.

Insofar as new commission tariffs were concerned, the banks questioned had not published any new rates. This apparently depended on governmental approval which had not yet been received.

The economic malaise and lack of any concrete steps on the part of the government were the main reason given for the very sharp decline in prices of shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

The heightened "credit crunch" and concern as to the future, mixed with a lack of confidence in the ability of the government to carry through harsh measures, were among the many reasons offered by sellers of securities. More than two of every three securities registered for trading on the local exchange fell yesterday by 5 per cent or more.

The shekel was devalued yesterday by nearly 1.25 per cent in relation to the dollar.

Lebanese protest preacher's arrest

BEIRUT (AP). — A Moslem leader in South Lebanon issued a new call for resistance to Israeli occupation yesterday after the IDF arrested a third Moslem preacher.

Moslem religious leaders held a meeting following the arrest of a third mosque preacher by Israeli soldiers. The first such arrest last week set off a general strike in South Lebanon and sit-ins at mosques in other areas.

The Mufti of Sidon, Sheikh Mohammed Salim Jaleddin, called the meeting "to organize the confrontation against Israeli occupation and to throw out the occupiers at whatever sacrifices."

The Sunni Moslem's statement followed the early morning arrest of Sheikh Abdul Rahman Hijazi, preacher of a Shi'ite mosque in Sidon. Lebanese reporters said that Israeli soldiers went into Hijazi's house with dogs to arrest him and that his wife suffered a miscarriage after he was seized.

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"very well. The two of them really hit it off."

The sources noted Giscard's intense interest and impressive expertise in Middle Eastern matters. They said the two-hour conversation covered in depth all the main issues of regional politics — Lebanon, the peace process, the state of the PLO, Israeli-Egyptian relations and the American role in the area.

Giscard is in Israel on a two-week private visit. He called on President Herzog at Beit Hanassi yesterday and was briefed for over an hour on the situation in Lebanon, the Palestinian issue and Israeli policy.

Giscard, en route to Jordan, and Herzog chatted in English in the president's office.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek (centre) looks on as Yona Givoli is congratulated by Jerusalem district police commander Rahamim Comfort in Kollek's office yesterday. Givoli received a prize for discovering a bomb on a Jerusalem bus. (Elihu Harari)

WJC official: Israel-Spain diplomatic ties in 6 months

By DAVID LANDAU

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Spain will establish diplomatic relations with Israel within six months, according to the head of the American section of the World Jewish Congress, Jacques Torczyner.

Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem say they have no evidence to bear this out, but they too seem hopeful that Spain may make the move soon.

Torczyner, longtime leader of the Zionist Organization of America, has been active during the past year in contacts between the WJC and the Spanish Government. He has been to Madrid seven times during this period.

WJC President Edgar Bronfman met recently with Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, and later expressed optimism on Israel-Spain

ties. Spain is the only country in Western Europe that has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

Foreign Ministry sources deny that Torczyner or the WJC is negotiating vicariously with Spain on Israel's behalf. "That is not necessary," a source said yesterday. "We have our own man there."

The reference was to Shmuel Hadass, a Foreign Service official who represents Israel at the World Tourism Organization, headquartered in Madrid.

As a representative to the tourism body, Hadass has diplomatic status and immunities recognized by the Spanish government. The sources indicated that Hadass, who has been in Madrid for two years, maintains low profile channels of communications between the two governments.

Christian group drops Gilo hostel plans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A pro-Israel Christian group yesterday decided to withdraw its plans to build a hostel and world centre near the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo.

The Beit Shalom movement backed down after religious residents of Gilo campaigned against the organization saying it was bent on missionary activity.

Beit Shalom's Freddy Winkler said the rebuff from Gilo would "without a doubt" affect the degree of support given to Israel by Beit Shalom members. The organization has been active in various philanthropic enterprises in the

country in the last 10 years.

Winkler was speaking as about 150 people from Gilo demonstrated outside Jerusalem City Hall where a subcommittee on planning met to consider the Gilo hostel plans. The demonstrators claimed that Beit Shalom's philanthropic efforts were "just a ruse" to get it official backing.

Beit Shalom's attorney, David Arad, told the planning committee that the organization would like to recoup some of the money it has already invested in the project, and would like to sell the plans to a Jew to build a hotel on the same site. Members of the committee seemed yesterday to accept this position.

Labour, Mapam row over MK's vote

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Relations between the Mapam and the Labour wings of the Alignment Knesset faction were strained to near breaking-point yesterday morning, but were apparently patched up by the evening.

The quarrel centred on the removal last week from the Knesset Finance Committee membership of Mapam's Imri Ron, by Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shahal. Ron angered Shahal because, despite the Alignment's decision to vote against the proposed 10 per cent cut in the salaries of ministers and MKs, Ron voted for the cut along with the coalition majority on the Finance committee.

Mapam convened yesterday and decided that it would not sit with the Labour wing of the Alignment nor cooperate with it in any parliamentary sphere, till Ron got back his seat on the Finance Committee.

At the Alignment executive meeting, Shahal said his ouster of Ron was not personal, but was meant to stress the need for Alignment MKs to toe the party line.

Yitzhak Rabin pointed out however, that Shahal had no authority to take anybody's committee seat away without the backing of the appropriate faction forum.

The Alignment executive charged Alignment leader Shimon Peres with persuading Mapam to agree to a compromise, whereby Ron would get back his seat after a fortnight's suspension. Mapam sources said that if Shahal admitted he had acted without authority, the compromise would be acceptable.

A joint statement is being drafted along these lines.

Shepherd killed by explosive device

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DALIA AL-CARMEL. — The body of a teenage shepherd — killed by an explosion believed to have been caused by a hand grenade — yesterday was discovered on a forest trail near this Druse village.

Police think 17-year-old Ali Fakmowh, who had been missing from home since the previous evening, found the device which accidentally detonated while he was handling it. One of his brothers, 11-year-old Omar, died in a similar accident in the same vicinity two years ago.

Ali's body was found by his father, Salim, who told *The Jerusalem Post* that his son came home Sunday evening with the sheep he had been tending and then went out again. When he failed to return by 6 p.m. the family and

friends searched the area, but without success.

"We started looking again first thing in the morning and went up the track to where he normally grazes the sheep. I found him lying in the middle of the track close to the little hut that we have up there. There was a hole in the track and that looked as though it had been caused by an explosion, but I do not know what kind," he said.

The track is close to a military firing range, but is regularly used by shepherds and tourists. There is a picnic area just off the main road at the beginning of the trail.

Fakmowh said there was nowhere else to graze the sheep.

IDF reopens roads into South Lebanon

SIDON (Reuters). — Israeli troops reopened roads into South Lebanon yesterday after a three-day closure, which Israeli officials said was meant to "cool down" the local population.

At the main Awali crossing-point just north of Sidon, a 1.5-kilometre queue of trucks began to move for the first time since Thursday and pedestrian traffic was heavier than usual as thousands took the first opportunity to cross.

An Israeli spokesman said the occupation forces had closed all the three crossing-points — the Awali, the Bisi Bridge inland and another at Niha in the Shouf Mountains — because South Lebanese had "become a little warm."

He added: "We decided to cool the local population down. As soon as everything was calm, we reopened the bridges."

Sidon, the capital of the south, went on general strike last Thursday in protest against the Israeli occupation and to demand the release of detainees.

On Sunday night two grenades were thrown at an Israeli patrol in Sidon without causing injuries and Israeli troops opened fire over the heads of demonstrators at the village of Kfar Tibnit, 27 kilometres southeast of Sidon.

Security sources said the Israelis opened fire when crowds of villagers stopped a patrol from detaining two inhabitants.

Senate arms chief plans fact-finding Middle East visit

DALLAS (AP). — John Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, will make a fact-finding trip to the Middle East, a spokeswoman for the senator said on Sunday.

The Republican plans to travel to Lebanon and other countries in the region "in his role as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee," said the spokeswoman.

She said she did not have any details about the trip, which was planned last week.

Former CIA directors from the three previous U.S. administrations agreed on Sunday that the U.S. Marines should be pulled out of Lebanon.

In separate television interviews, William Colby, Stansfield Turner and James Schlesinger each said the 1,600 marines stationed in Beirut make up too small a force to really influence that country's civil war.

They said the troops, most of whom are stationed at the Beirut Airport, are too vulnerable to attack.

Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale flatly rules out any role for PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Middle East peace talks and said he would serve notice on Jordan's King Hussein that the U.S. would not impose a solution on Israel.

"What is Arafat and the PLO now?" the former vice-president asked in an interview. "I think it would be very hard to define what's left."

3,240 killed in Lebanon last year

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Some 3,240 people were killed in fighting in Lebanon during 1983, according to estimates yesterday by security sources and the country's various warring groups.

About 1,500 people died during the three-week war that erupted in the Shouf Mountains east of Beirut after the Israeli Defence Forces withdrew last September, security and Druse militia sources said.

Fighting between supporters and opponents of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat claimed about 1,000 lives, according to security sources.

About 750 of those deaths, many of them Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, occurred during the six-week siege of Arafat's forces in Tripoli by Syrian-backed rebels.

FLOOD. — The worst flood to hit Leningrad in recent years inundated 35 square kilometres of the Baltic city's seafloor on New Year's Day, TASS reported yesterday. The news agency said there were no casualties and provided no details of any property damage.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

NOEL MARKRIDGE (Marcovitch Natan)

The funeral was held on January 2, 1984 at Kibbutz Lavi.

Evening prayers at Hagdud Ha'ivri St. 6/9, Raanana.

Wife, Fay, children and family.

Brother, Shalom, and family.

The students and staff of

High School in Israel,

Hod Hasharon

deeply mourn the passing of a friend,

teacher, and colleague

Power price hike to be less than ministry wants

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The public will soon be confronted with a 28 per cent rise in the price of electricity — but it can take comfort in the fact that this price hike and those expected for the rest of the fiscal year will be smaller than requested by the Energy Ministry.

The members of the coalition in the Knesset Finance Committee met yesterday with officials of the Energy Ministry to work out a joint electricity-price strategy for the coming year. It was decided that this week the committee would approve a 14 per cent price rise retroactive to December 1, and another 14 per cent hike from January 1.

Ministry director-general Uriel Lynn said last night that the ministry originally wanted to wipe out the government subsidy for electricity by the end of the fiscal year on April 1, which would have meant raising the price of electricity each month beyond the increase re-

Sara Doron's intervention holds up early-marriage bill

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Minister-without-Portfolio Sara Doron yesterday put a brake on the coalition plan to approve a bill, permitting girls to marry from the age of 16.

The bill, initiated by Likud MK Meir Cohen-Avidov, got the approval of the coalition executive last week but Doron appealed, and the executive therefore held a second discussion.

As a result of Doron's protests, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who also holds the Religious Affairs portfolio, suggested that follow-up statistics be collected about teenage marriages and that the Cohen-Avidov proposal be held up for another two weeks until the statistics were in.

Rabbi Moshe Salomon, the director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry, said the Cohen-Avidov proposal got general support from Israel's rabbis.

Doron protested that from the procedural point of view the coalition executive had no right to approve a measure proposed by an individual MK which had not been submitted to the cabinet first.

She said that 16-year-old girls had to continue their studies and not be saddled with the burdens of raising children, running a household, and caring for a husband. She said that the products of teenage marriages, and many unwanted children from such marriages, occupied hostels for the disadvantaged.

Doron said that there were few enlightened countries in which 16-year-old girls were allowed to marry and, if Israel joined that minority, its image would inevitably be tarnished, and it would be labelled "a backward state."

Cohen-Avidov said that he wanted to permit early marriages because nowadays children know everything there is to know about sex before they reach the age of 10.

Aguda MK up in arms over appointment of two dayanim

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Agudat Yisrael MK Menahem Porush yesterday voiced his protest against the appointment of two MKs to the Dayanim Appointments Committee which names judges to the religious courts.

In the coalition executive, Porush complained that the NRP and Tami were not giving the Aguda a fair share of the responsible appointments and were trying to wreck a Likud commitment to help him get one of the two seats on the committee.

Rabbi Haim Druckman, of the one-man Matzad faction, received the support of the NRP and Tami when he said he felt that Agudat Israel, which behaves as though it does not recognize the Chief Rabbinate and the state system of religious courts, was suddenly entering an area it had previously left to the "Zionist" parties.

Porush lashed Tami for controlling two ministries even though it has only three MKs and scored the

Fewer officially jobless than year ago

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Labour Committee heard yesterday that the number of job-seekers and of unemployed in November 1983 was less than the number for January 1983.

Baruch Haklai, director-general of the government employment service, also told the committee that 8,000 got unemployment pay in November, as compared with 11,000 last January.

Extradition of former Australian delayed

The High Court of Justice has issued an interim injunction preventing the extradition of a former Australian citizen, who faces a seven-year jail sentence in Austria for child neglect in aggravated circumstances.

Supreme Court Justice Moshe Bejski issued the injunction ordering the minister of justice not to deport Elinora Kirshenbaum from the time being and has set a hearing of her application to the High Court before three justices.

Kirshenbaum jumped bail in Austria, while her appeal against her sentence was being considered, and arrived in Israel in September 1982, where she received Israeli citizenship. The Austrian Ministry of Justice applied for her extradition and the Tel Aviv District Court ordered her to be extradited.

She appealed to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim for a stay of her extradition; but he turned her down on the grounds that the Tel Aviv court had made its ruling.

Kirshenbaum has appealed to the Austrian prime minister to grant her a pardon. She noted that she lost her husband shortly after arriving in Israel. The Austrian justice minister is considering her case. (Itim)

Teachers' decision on substitutes due soon

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers' Union is expected to decide on Thursday whether to accept the Education Ministry's proposed compromise on hiring of substitute teachers. Some aspects of the proposal — such as the need to get superintendent's permission to hire a substitute after efforts to find a volunteer have failed — are opposed by the principals.

Committee appointed to help potential olim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel-American Chamber of Commerce has appointed an absorption committee to aid potential new immigrants.

The committee will provide information on local businesses and on business relations between the U.S. and Israel.



Part of a group of 500 Jewish teenagers from Argentina is welcomed upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport early Sunday by World Zionist Organization Youth and Hechalutz Department head Abraham Katz. The teenagers are here to take part in the WZO's "Operation Orange" programme during their winter vacation. (M. Dekel)

Freighter sails despite order to stay

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A small Norwegian freighter, one of a pair carrying explosives to both sides of the Middle East conflict, left Ashdod Sunday night despite a court order blocking its sailing.

Three Ghanaian seamen on board were apparently forced to sail against their will.

The Ashdod police declared themselves unable to enforce orders to stop the 280-ton Sanbi, Capt. Yeshayahu Groman, the representative of the International Transport Federation (ITF) in the Marine Officers Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He asked the attorney-general to investigate the police inaction and informed the ITF offices in London of the case, in the hope they will stop the Sanbi at its next port of call.

The vessel, flying a Panamanian flag of convenience, arrived in Ashdod from Europe last week with a cargo of explosives for Israel and detonators for Greece. It was manned by a Norwegian captain and chief engineer and three ratings from Ghana.

The ratings contacted the union for help upon arriving. They told Groman they worked under deplorable conditions, were not being paid properly and wanted to quit and to go home. They alleged the ship's owner owes them \$20,000 in back pay.

The Norwegian owner arrived in Ashdod last Friday but, according to Groman, refused to pay the men or give them tickets to fly home. He allegedly became abusive, threatened to "turn Israel's name to mud" and also allegedly told Groman that another ship of his was carrying explosives to Libya.

Groman filed suit for back pay for the men with the Haifa District Court, and a Transport Ministry inspector told police not to give the ship clearance to sail.

Nevertheless, on Friday night, as the Ghanaians were sleeping, the owner and his two Norwegian officers began to sail the ship out of the port on their own. The Ghanaians awoke, however, and took over the bridge, forcing the officers to stop the ship and drop anchor outside the breakwater. The sailors radioed for help, saying they were being held on board by force.

The Sanbi remained at anchor. On Sunday, Groman again appealed to the district court, which issued an order obliging the Ashdod police to stop the ship from sailing.

The police informed him they were powerless to stop the freighter, Groman said. During the night the ship made off with all but minus their passports, which remained in Ashdod.

Lack of funds to end museum building

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All construction work on the Ha'aretz Museum will cease as of this evening due to budgetary cuts, Mayor Shlomo Lahat announced yesterday.

Lahat informed Ha'aretz Museum Executive Chairman Rehavam Ze'evi of this decision when the two toured the museum grounds on Saturday.

Lahat, who visited the museum following *The Jerusalem Post's* report last week of illegal construction there, said that building work on the museum grounds will not get preferential treatment from the city's engineering administration, which grants permits.

Lahat noted that a preliminary examination showed both the local construction committee and the city council had approved the buildings of the museum. But an examination of the building files in the engineering administration's archives showed no building permits were granted for any of the construction plans.

Regional Planner Dov Radusher told *The Post* on Sunday that the Interior Ministry's Regional Planning and Construction Commission had not received these construction plans for examination, nor did the commission grant the museum building permits.

The city has transferred IS600 million to the Ha'aretz Museum since Ze'evi entered his post as executive chairman some two years ago, but none of the council members who approved the investment, including Lahat himself, had any idea of the construction work going on there.

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providing medical service to the Beduin, the survey says that "unfortunately for the fund, most of the burden has fallen on its shoulders. The complaints directed against the fund for poor service are not always justified and membership dues do not cover the services it is called upon to provide."

Kelvin concludes the survey with a warning that the situation is "on the brink of exploding." The Beduin are changing their way of life and customs and this brings a rise in expectations, it says.

Kelvin has devised several proposals that would substantially improve health care for the Beduin without requiring a large budget, he told *The Post*. These include adding two fully equipped mobile clinics, staffed by a doctor, a nurse and driver, to visit even the most remote Beduin villages, he said.

These units should be connected with Kupat Holim and partially subsidized by the Health Ministry, with those patients who are uninsured paying for at least part of their treatment, he said. Such a system would be cost-effective in preventing unnecessary hospitalizations by treating illnesses before they reach the critical stage, he asserted.

To gain support for "significantly expanding" the Beduin health services without "spending huge sums of money," Kelvin last month sent copies of the survey to all 120 members of Knesset. He also met with the chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Menahem Porush, last month. While Porush promised to look into the problem, Kelvin has not yet received replies from other MKs.

Wife sues over abuse, dog in marriage bed

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An estranged wife suing her husband for support of their infant son has accused him of physically abusing her and displacing her in their marriage bed with his dog.

In an affidavit submitted to the Tel Aviv District Court, the woman states that the couple married in July 1982 and their son was born in April 1983, after which the marriage deteriorated.

"My husband beats me, threatens and attacks me, even when the child is in my arms," the woman states. "About three months after we got married, my husband began to have his dog sleep between us and to hug it."

The woman is suing for child support and a one-time alimony payment, in response to a bill of divorce filed by her husband with the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court.

Lebanese situation on Labour's agenda

Jerusalem Post Staff

The political committee of the Labour Party is to convene on Thursday to discuss the situation in South Lebanon and the growing number of terrorist strikes against Israeli soldiers following last month's release of some 4,500 detainees from the Ansar camp.

The committee has called for the withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanon for the past several months. This should take place only after the security of Israel's northern settlements is assured, but should not be dependent upon the simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon, the committee said.

Negev drought near

BEERSHEBA. — A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said here yesterday that if the current rain does not last, the ministry will declare a drought in the Negev and take measures to compensate farmers. Only 15 millimetres of rain have fallen so far this year, compared to an average of 65mm. for this period.

However, in Beersheba the rains have caused disruptions, flooding roads and putting telephones out of action.

Ministry workers in protest to emphasize wage demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 500 workers in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs held a protest demonstration outside the Treasury yesterday to back their demands to bring their salaries up to the level paid in other ministries.

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan is expected to ask the Ministerial Economic Committee today to approve selective pay increases for the workers.

The workers' sanctions of the last few weeks, which have included stopping payments to institutions operated and subsidized by the ministry have led to the closure of several boarding schools and homes for juvenile delinquents. Other institutions have cut activities to the minimum and laid off workers to hold out until a settlement is reached.

The staff plans to vote this week on expanding the sanctions to a full strike.

Today the directors and staff of municipal welfare bureaus are to demonstrate in front of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs to protect against what the Social Workers Union has called the "disgraceful failure" of the government to resolve the dispute with the ministry staff.

Haddad's condition stable

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — South Lebanese militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad was reportedly still in stable condition at the Rambam Hospital here yesterday.

Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said the major was sitting up and had spoken to friends and relatives, including his wife and brother who have maintained a bedside vigil since he was admitted to the hospital at 1 a.m. on Sunday. A telephone was installed for his use yesterday.

Officially Haddad is being treated from fatigue, the same cause given by the hospital during his previous stays there, although he is rumoured to be suffering from cancer.

A military guard has been placed outside his room in the internal-medicine department.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that Haddad has visited the hospital several times since his last prolonged stay in October, when a series of tests were carried out. He spent a week in the hospital on that occasion, and following his release was advised to take a long rest.

Bible story accompanies St. Peter's fish to Australia

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's first Australian export order for St. Peter's fish (Ammon) will shortly be shipped, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

A Melbourne merchant has ordered the trial shipment of 18 tons of the Galilee fish from the Fishbreeders Union. The order is worth nearly \$50,000.

The fish will be packed in two in plastic bags with the story of Jesus' "miracle of the loaves and the fishes" printed on them. The order was placed through the Agrexco company which supplies the importer with Israel dates.

(The Christian Bible tells how before preaching to a multitude of 5,000 in Galilee, Jesus ordered his disciples first to feed them. They told him it would take "eight months of a man's wages" to feed so great a crowd, and Jesus then miraculously fed them all with the five loaves and two fishes the disciples had with them.)

The Union's export manager, Yishai Ziskind, told *The Post* that they had sold the fish at \$2.65 per kilo, which would cover production costs.

Currently fish exports total two tons of carp and St. Peter's fish weekly, air freighted to London and Paris. For Christmas week England took 10 tons of carp, an apparent change from (or addition to) the traditional turkey dinner.

State argues for Nablus bypass road

A proposed highway to bypass refugee camps in Nablus is justified for security purposes, the state attorney's representative told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The court was considering an appeal from landowners who seek to have the building of the highway declared illegal.

The state's attorney said that during the last 15 months, stones thrown from the camps injured 19 security personnel and shattered the windshields of dozens of Israeli vehicles. A road bypassing the camps would make travel safer, according to the state.

However, lawyers for the landowners said that the road was really meant to aid the development of the Eilon Moreh settlement and Bracha, near Nablus. They said that the seizure of land to build a road for this purpose is illegal under international law.

The High Court had previously given the state an order instructing it to show cause why the highway should be built. (Itim)

Negev scabies epidemic brought under control

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — An epidemic of scabies in the Negev has been brought under control, according to the Southern District Medical Officer.

Dr. Viola Toerek said that of 26,000 children, recently examined in schools and kindergartens, fewer than 300 still had the illness, which had been wide-spread a month ago.

The disease, which is caused by minute ticks under the skin, causes severe itching. It is passed on by direct contact or through clothes. One of the reasons that it gets out of control is that someone suffering from scabies is not entitled to sick-leave. This means that it spreads at places of work.

One report says the disease was brought back by soldiers on duty in Lebanon. Signs of the illness were also discovered in Jerusalem six weeks ago, but it does not appear to have spread there.

Radio programme on consumer problems

TEL AVIV. — A programme on consumer concerns will be broadcast on Kol Yisrael's Second Programme tomorrow between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., as a joint effort of the radio, the Consumer Council and the Catering Department at the Wizo France Municipal Vocational High School.

The broadcast will be made from the school, which is located in the educational park in Tel Aviv.

Consumers can phone in, or come to the school to complain about the quality of goods, or to raise other questions. Food samples brought to the school by consumers will be examined in the school's study-kitchen. The phone numbers which can be called by listeners at home will be given during the broadcast.

03-243350 Make a note of the telephone number of our redecorated offices at 53 Ben Yehuda St. From January 4th this number will connect you with the Management, the Sales Department, and the Accounting Department.

03-243355 The number of the Reservations Department remains unchanged.

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Special police squads checking French trains

PARIS (AP). — Special police squads began riding France's high-speed trains and patrolling railway stations yesterday to try to prevent repeats of the New Year's Eve terrorist bombings of an express train and a Marseille terminal that killed five people.

Officials from France's Ministry of the Interior, the National Railroad System and a court official met in emergency session here yesterday to decide on the new security measures.

A group calling itself the Children of Sheikh Abdullah yesterday claimed responsibility for the attacks.

An anonymous caller telephoned international news agencies in Paris and said the attacks were revenge for the French air strike against the

Sheikh Abdullah barracks near Baalbek, Lebanon, November 17.

The barracks are a training centre for the Islamic Amal movement headed by pro-Iranian Shi'ite leader Hussein Moussawi.

Meanwhile, investigators were trying to determine the nature of the two bombs that exploded inside the Marseille-to-Paris train and inside a baggage locker at the St. Charles train station. In addition to the deaths, at least 39 people were injured in the blasts, which occurred almost simultaneously.

Four people were killed in the train bombing Saturday and a fifth died of his injuries yesterday.

About 120 police officers from the Paris region were mobilized to beef up security on France's high-speed trains between Paris, Lyon,

Marseille and other cities. The officers will travel with railroad security agents and will have the authority to open passengers' baggage and examine the contents.

The police patrols will progressively be extended to cover other express trains, the Interior Ministry said. The timetable for extending the surveillance programme was kept secret.

At the same emergency meeting, authorities agreed to increase surveillance at train stations and to check the contents of baggage lockers at regular intervals. French prefects, the chief civil authorities at the local level, were also granted authority to tighten security in public places they deem "sensitive."

Meanwhile, police said that

despite numerous telephone calls claiming responsibility for the holiday bombings, investigators would need to know more about the devices and their origin before assigning blame. There has been extensive speculation in the press, however, that the attacks are linked to the French military presence in Beirut.

The investigating magistrate and the prosecutor in the train bombing visited the railway station at Tain l'Hermitage yesterday, where the Marseille-to-Paris high-speed train was bombed.

But investigators said the force of the blast that devastated two first-class cars of the bullet train as it sped through the Rhone Valley, and the fire it ignited inside left no apparent trace of the bomb itself.

Egyptian court confirms new party's right to exist

CAIRO (AP). — A Cairo court yesterday removed the last legal obstacle to the political comeback of the New Wafd party, an opposition group whose right to operate was challenged by the government.

Reading the verdict, presiding Judge Abdul-Fattah Bassiouni of the Higher Administrative Court dismissed a government appeal against an earlier ruling by a lower tribunal in the party's favour.

"The court unanimously rejects the substance of the appeal," Bassiouni said.

The government was also ordered to pay the unspecified cost of the litigation.

The verdict was greeted with mass emotional scenes by the hundreds of new Wafd supporters who packed the courtroom. Chanting "long life the Wafd" and brandishing party posters, they departed in a noisy motorcade to the Cairo home of Faud Serag-

din, the 73-year-old party leader. Commenting on the ruling, Seragdin told the Associated Press: "Thank God. The Judiciary has fulfilled Egypt's wish."

The Wafd, a nationalist, right-of-centre party established in the 1920s, was abolished along with all other political parties when Egypt's monarchy was overthrown in 1952. It was then considered to have the largest national following of any group.

When the late president Anwar Sadat permitted the establishment of opposition parties at the beginning of 1977, the Wafd made a comeback, calling itself the New Wafd to avoid a legal hitch.

It ceased operations six months later to protest a crackdown by Sadat against his political opponents, inspired by New Wafd claims that conditions were better under the monarchy.

George Orwell rings in 1984 at dance

SYDNEY, Australia (AP). — Despite all the grim predictions, George Orwell was whooping it up on the dance floor when the clock rang in 1984 and the year of Big Brother.

"Everyone wants to know what's going to happen now 1984 is here," Orwell said in an interview yesterday. "Wish I could say."

George Orwell, the real one as he likes to say, is a 68-year-old retired transportation worker who for years has been mistaken for the famous English author of the same name who died in 1950.

Interest in Orwell the writer has become intense around the world in recent months with the coming of 1984, the title of his well-known novel warning of monstrous police states enslaving all of humanity.

The Australian Orwell, said he doesn't agree that the book's depiction of the future will come true as long as people fight to preserve freedom. He welcomed the New Year at a dance at a Veterans' hall.

December was coldest ever in at least 26 U.S. cities

NEW YORK (AP). — The National Weather Service reported on Sunday that December was the coldest ever in many U.S. cities and abnormally frigid just about everywhere in North America.

In Mexico City, the coroner's office said at least 26 indigents died in the last five days in one of the coldest winters on record.

The average temperature for December in the U.S. had never been so low in at least 26 cities scattered from the Rockies to the Northern Plains and south to Texas.

At least 450 people have died across the U.S. because of the cold and accidents related to the bad weather.

The averages compiled by the National Weather Service cover readings 24 hours a day all month.

"This was the coldest December since the upper Midwest was settled" in the mid-19th Century, said John Pollack of the weather service's Omaha, Nebraska office.

Two cities in South Dakota had the coldest readings. Sioux Falls

averaged minus 16.6 degrees Celsius, almost 10.8 C. below the old mark registered in 1917. Huron averaged minus 16.2C, to beat the minus 15.2C record of 1917.

In Texas, the average minus 4.1C at Amarillo eclipsed the old record of minus 3.5C posted in 1898. San Antonio averaged 6C for the month.

In Mexico City, where the temperature dropped to minus 3C three days in a row, the Social and Voluntary Services Board said 1,200 indigents were given shelter in city buildings to keep them from freezing to death.

Four drown in Brazil

CASTRO, Brazil (AP). — A wooden footbridge packed with New Year's Day strollers collapsed and dumped more than 60 people into the fast-flowing Iapo River 11 metres below, state police said.

Four people drowned and 15 were missing, a police spokesman said by telephone from Castro, 385 kilometres southwest of Rio de Janeiro.



Dwight Eisenhower



Winston Churchill

Churchill's stroke concealed, British cabinet papers show

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Dwight Eisenhower clashed over chances for a new deal with the Soviets after Josef Stalin's death, according to 30-year-old British cabinet papers revealed on Sunday.

The papers also show that the shah of Iran had a "pathological distrust" of London and that the British government tried desperately to conceal the effects of a stroke suffered by Churchill.

The documents are from 1953 — the year of the Soviet dictator's death and the start of the Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya.

Under the so-called 30-year rule, government papers are available for inspection after 30 years, although documents deemed sensitive on grounds of security or national interest can be withheld. Observers said the number of papers kept back this year was greater than in recent years.

Cabinet papers said Churchill's personal physician, Lord Moran, thought the 78-year-old prime minister might die after suffering a stroke on June 26, 1953. But a decision was made by three leading press barons, who were close

friends, not to tell the public or even the cabinet.

Churchill recovered and returned to work in August but was forced to postpone the Bermuda Conference with Eisenhower and the French prime minister which had been scheduled to discuss an allied approach to the Soviet Union after Stalin's nearly 30-year dictatorship.

In a top-secret message to Eisenhower on April 12, after Stalin's death, Churchill said: "It ought now to be possible to proclaim our determination to resist Communist tyranny and at the same time declare how glad we should be if there were a real change of heart" within the new Soviet hierarchy.

Eisenhower, who had just been inaugurated, disagreed. The documents quoted him as saying: "The whole has changed her clothes but must still be driven from the streets."

In the Middle East, reports on acrimonious negotiations after Iraq nationalized the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company said the shah of Iran feared that British governments were too ready to topple Iran's rulers. Britain had thrown out the previous dynasty in Iran.

Castro flays U.S. in speech 25 years after revolution

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP). — President Fidel Castro, in a fiery speech under a tropical downpour, declared that Latin American revolution is "inevitable" and the U.S. cannot prevent it.

"One way or the other, the United States will have to resign itself to living in this hemisphere with different social systems," he said Sunday night.

Castro's speech was the keynote event on the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, a revolution he said has now become "a reality... with all promises kept."

The familiar green-fatigue-clad Castro, his beard now going grey, spoke from the same city hall balcony where as a 31-year-old guerrilla leader he delivered his first victory address January 1, 1959 after dictator Fulgencio Batista fled Cuba and Castro's rebel forces poured into the island's cities from the mountains.

Iran says it downed two Iraqi jets

BEIRUT (AP). — Iranian Air Force fighters shot down two Iraqi war planes yesterday in a dog fight over the southern sector of the battlefield, IRNA, the official Iranian news agency reported.

Quoting an Iranian joint staff communique issued in Teheran, the agency, monitored here, identified the downed Iraqi jets as Soviet Shukhov-22 and MiG-23.

Meanwhile, Iraq said its navy and air force had destroyed five "enemy naval targets" at the northern tip of the gulf and downed an Iranian

helicopter gunship in a battle with Iraqi jets over the same area.

In another development, the U.S. has informed friendly gulf countries that it would be contrary to U.S. interests for Iraq to lose its war with Iran, according to a published report.

American officials told the gulf governments in unannounced sessions last month that the U.S. had moved through diplomatic contacts and a proposal to restrict U.S. exports to Iran to prevent an Iraqi loss. The Washington Post said in its Sunday editions.

Nigerian Supreme Council chosen

LONDON (Reuters). — Nigeria's new ruler, Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Buhari, has named the members of the Supreme Military Council which replaced the civilian administration toppled in a bloodless coup on Saturday.

Buhari is named head of the federal military government, commander-in-chief of the armed forces and chairman of the council.

The formation of a new federal cabinet and the appointment of military state governors will be the subject of the first meeting of the 16-member Supreme Military Council today.

Buhari yesterday met all federal permanent secretaries in Lagos, Radio Nigeria reported.

Life in the capital was normal yesterday. Offices and shops reopened for the first working day of the new year but the absence of telephone and telex services hampered business.

The whereabouts of deposed president Shehu Shagari was still unknown. Press reports said he had been detained in the country's future capital, Abuja, on the night of the coup but this could not be confirmed.

The Punch newspaper said there had been fighting between the presidential guard and troops who went to detain Shagari last Saturday morning. It said a brigadier was killed on Shagari's orders when he went unarmed to detain the former president.

Saturday's coup, the fourth successful military intervention in Nigeria's 23-year post-independence history, was welcomed by four of the country's major newspapers in front page editorials.

The independent Punch said: "It is not often in the 20th century that the people welcome a military government."

"Yet no Nigerian or even any person in his right senses will fail to agree with us that the coup which ousted the lack-lustre, inept, insensitive, purblind, bloody-minded and corrupt leadership of president Shehu Shagari has been the greatest thing that has happened to our people in the past four years."

Most of the newspapers reported public support across the country for the 41-year-old Buhari, who said in his maiden broadcast that the military intervened to save the country from imminent collapse.

El Salvador rebels wreck bridge

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP). — Leftist guerrillas, in a surprise attack on New Year's Day, blew up the most important bridge in the country, the Defence Ministry said Sunday.

Rebels destroyed Cuscatlan Bridge, 96 kilometres east of San Salvador on the Pan-American Highway, a ministry statement said.

The bridge was the main carrier of traffic to the eastern third of the country, where the rebels are strongest.

Soldiers guarding the bridge said two 120 mm cannon shells broke the cables supporting a 300 metre section of the bridge, causing it to tilt and crash into the Lempa River.

"We heard the first papayas sail in just as we were giving a New Year's embrace," said one soldier at the bridge. Troops here often call bombs or shells "papayas."

He said rebels began shelling at the stroke of midnight from batteries set up 6.4 kilometres to the east.

He and other soldiers, none of whom would give their names, said the shelling caused the bridge to collapse.

Expert: America is vulnerable to terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. is vulnerable to terrorist tactics because the nation has no coordinated office to combat the problem, says a British authority on the subject.

American law-enforcement officials have little experience in combating terrorism and too many police agencies are involved, said Paul Wilkinson, a professor of international relations at Aberdeen University in Scotland.

Interviewed in the January 9 issue of U.S. News and World Report, Wilkinson noted that the fragmented approach to combating terrorism in the U.S. is in contrast with some European countries that have had success through use of centralized systems.

"I think you're going to have many more attacks by regimes using terrorism to take the war into the heart of America," said Wilkinson. "For that reason, I believe the president and his advisers are absolutely correct to be stepping up their own security and the counter-terrorism capabilities of the United States."

Wilkinson said terrorism can be defeated by having governments refuse to accede to terrorist demands and by treating terrorist acts as common crimes.

Sports

Greece top Israel for title

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — On a day in which Israeli sportsmen fared extremely poorly in international competition, the national junior soccer side came down to earth with a bump when a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of Greece left them in only second place and enabled the trophy of the five nation tournament for under-18 sides to be taken back to Athens.

Although in yesterday's game before a crowd of 2000 in Yavne, they had a few early chances, Israel

were basically outplayed by the taller, stronger Greek lads who blended well as a unit. They rapped in two first half goals to stun the Israeli defence that until the final game hadn't conceded a goal in the competition.

Stratos Apostolis got two goals after Gennadi had opened the scoring. In the end Israel were fortunate to escape a bigger beating.

Despite yesterday's poor effort the Israeli juniors have provided considerable hope for the future with these earlier convincing victories. Greece remained undefeated in the tourney but drew one of their four matches.

Switzerland took third place, slipping Sweden whom they beat 2-1 yesterday, with Hungary, the wooden spoons, managing only one draw.

Final defeats for Mac. TA and Ramat Gan

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon failed in a bid to retain their New Year's Invitational basketball title at Crystal Palace in London when the Italian club Simac Milan downed them 89-80 in the final.

The Italians led 48-32 at the half. A magnificent all-round display by Antonio Carr was the key to Milan's triumph. He was virtually

Whiteside denies Liverpool at last gasp

LONDON. — Norman Whiteside, the Irish teenage soccer star, grabbed a last-minute equalizer to give Manchester United a somewhat fortunate 1-1 draw with Liverpool in the big New Year's clash of the English championship. Liverpool had dominated the game before 45,122 fans at Anfield and appeared heading for a six-points lead in their bid for a third straight title win.

There was little new year charity offered by either side in the bruising, action packed top-of-the-table tussle and both teams suffered casualties. United were rocked in the first half when defender Gordon McQueen limped off with a leg injury and then took a major blow when Craig Johnston shot Liverpool ahead on the half-hour. Liverpool lost Kenny Dalglish shortly after halftime following a collision with

defender Kevin Moran. United owe what could be a golden point also to goalkeeper Gary Bailey who pulled off a string of astonishing saves.

Whiteside, who put Liverpool on 45 points with United in second place on 42, took 22 goals. West Ham are third with 40 points after a 2-2 away draw with Notts County while Forest moved up to joint fourth place on 39 points with Southampton, who came back from 0-2 down for a draw against Aston Villa.

Division One:

Birmingham 8, Everton 2; Liverpool 1, Manchester United 1; Luton 2, Notts Forest 3; Norwich 1, Arsenal 1; Notts Co. 2, West Ham 2; QPR 2, Wolves 1; Southampton 2, Aston Villa 2; Stoke 0, Leicester 1; Tottenham 2, Watford 3; West Brom 2, Ipswich 1.

Division Two:

Brighton 0, Blackburn 1; Cambridge 1, Swans 1; Derby 0, Charlton 1; Grimsby 1; Huddersfield 0, Carlisle 0; Manchester City 1, Leeds 1; Millwall 2, Chelsea 1; Newcastle 1, Burnley 0; Sheffield Weds. 3, Oldham 0; Shrewsbury 2, Portsmouth 0.

Redskins, Raiders demolish opponents

NEW YORK (AP). — The Washington Redskins moved another step closer to successful defence of their Super Bowl title with the most lopsided National Football League playoff victory in 26 years, and the Los Angeles Raiders completed a day of routs as the two teams won Conference semifinal games on Sunday.

John Riggins and Joe Theismann sparked Washington to a 51-7 victory over the Los Angeles Rams that sent the Redskins into the National Conference title game

against the San Francisco 49ers next Sunday. The Raiders, led on offence by Marcus Allen and on defence by Lester Hayes, defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 38-10 and earned the right to host the wildcard Seattle Seahawks in the American Conference Final.

Super Bowl XVII is scheduled for January 22 in Tampa stadium, Florida. In Saturday's conference semifinals, San Francisco defeated Detroit 24-23, while Seattle upset the Miami Dolphins 27-20.

In college football, Oklahoma State defeated Baylor 24-14; Utah, the Blackboard Bowl, Florida State defeated North Carolina 20-3 in the Peach Bowl; Florida defeated Iowa 14-6 in the Gator Bowl.

Devastating Dennis

SYDNEY (AP). — Pakistan skipper Imran Khan's hopes of squaring the Test series against Australia were torpedoed by paceman Dennis Lillee after torrential rain had swamped the Sydney cricket ground on the first day of the fifth and final Test here.

The thundering Pakistanis, sent into a spin by their own cricket board which refused to send another bowler to bolster the galle of Abdul Qadir, lost all 92 minutes of the day's play in this vital clash. Lillee could well have already wrecked their prospects of making a match of it. After Kim Hughes had sent Pakistan to its last, in two devastating spells the veteran fast bowler took two wickets for 20 from nine overs.

At stumps, Pakistan were 61 for 2. In Cape Town, the West Indian side tonight will have to battle to avert defeat on the final day of the four day game against South Africa. West Indians 252 and 89-4; SA 484 (Pollack 102, Kirsten 88).

England had a convincing win to open their Far East tour when they beat New Zealand 142-76. After a second one-day game in Fiji, the England party go on for Test series in New Zealand and Pakistan.

Downing the evidence

BRISTOL (AP). — Mike Bagley, an amateur soccer player in the local league in this west England town, has been severely penalised after committing a novel offence.

Playing for a team called Istock Catybock, Bagley objected to being shown a yellow card and being booked by the referee for using bad language on the pitch. His response was to grab the notebook in which his name was recorded, pull out a handful of pages, chew them and swallow them.

The lack of written evidence did not, however, allow Bagley to escape eventual punishment and he has been suspended for six matches.

NHL results

WINNIPEG (AP). — Centre Dale Hawerchuk's goal with 10 seconds remaining in regulation enabled the Winnipeg Jets to tie the Calgary Flames 3-3 in a National Hockey League overtime game on Sunday night.

Other weekend games, the New York Islanders 7, Minnesota North Stars 3; Boston Bruins 5, Vancouver Canucks 3; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Los Angeles Kings 2; Detroit Red Wings 4, Chicago Black Hawks 3; New York Rangers 3, Buffalo Sabres 2; Montreal Canadiens 4, Quebec Nordiques 2; Washington Capitals 3, New Jersey Devils 2.

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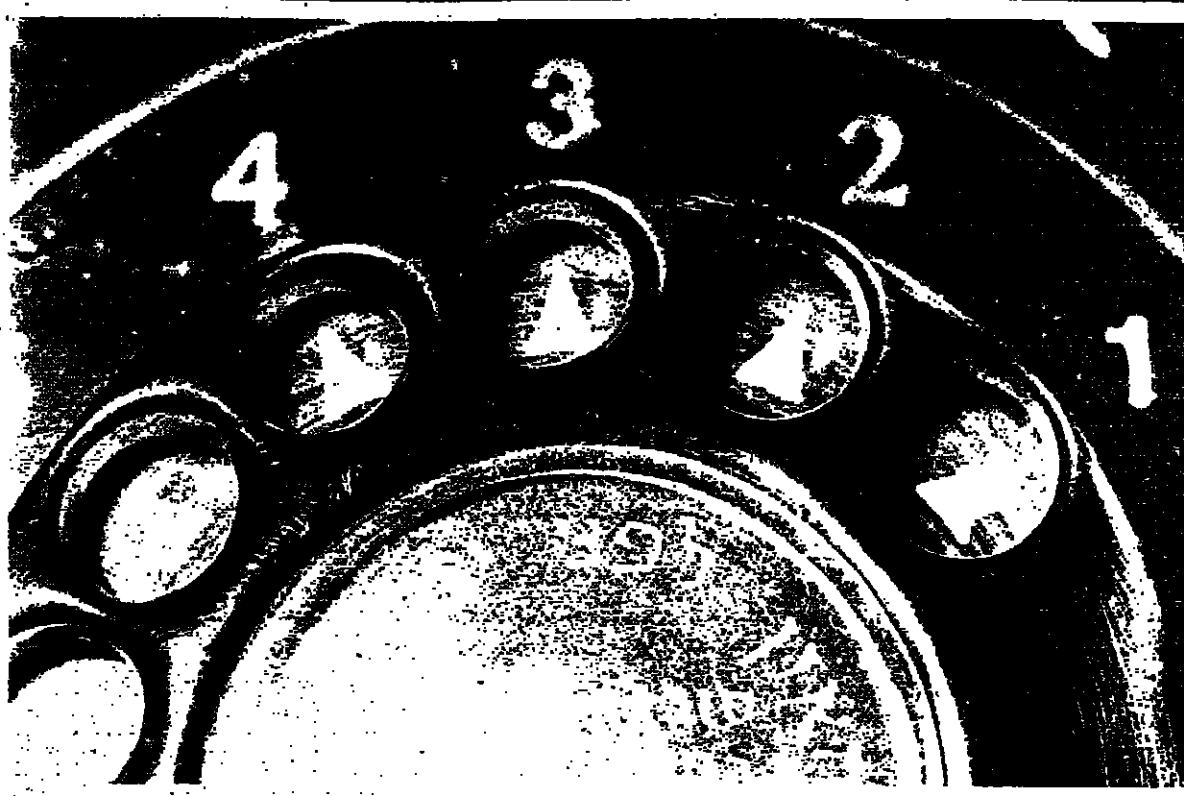
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A FRIEND CALLED ERAN

By PHILIP GILLON/Jerusalem Post Reporter



(David Rubinger)

THE DARKEST HOUR is the hour before the dawn. But all through the night, the seconds drag slowly by for the lonely, the lost, the fearful and the desperate. It is then that they need a friend — and they have one, an anonymous voice at the end of a telephone line.

Providing psychiatric and emotional first aid, Eran is the Israeli equivalent of the Hot Line in the U.S. and the British Good Samaritans. The association is the creation of Marta Berta Zaslani, widow of the well-known Jerusalem physician, Arye Zaslani. For years, her home served as the organization's Jerusalem base.

A year ago, Shmuel Toledano, former Knesset member (Shinui) and adviser on Arab affairs, became director of Eran, at Zaslani's request, for one shekel (unlinked) a year.

(Zaslani still plays a very active role in the association: Toledano insists that it would be difficult to imagine Eran without her.)

"The first night I spent as a volunteer at the end of the Eran phone, I agreed to serve," says Toledano. "Since then I've spent many nights in service. It's amazing how many people — men, women, old and young — are in despair. Often somebody rings up and says, 'I've taken an overdose of drugs to kill myself. Help me!'"

"BUT IT WOULD BE a mistake to assume that all our cases are potential suicides. Only 5 per cent of our calls fall into this category."

"We get calls from homosexuals; people with sexual problems; people on drugs; husbands and wives who have quarrelled; adolescents in a state of conflict; old people who feel abandoned by their children; young people who find their elderly parents demanding and difficult. A woman may be alone and afraid at night because her husband is away doing his reserve duty. There may be any number of reasons for

somebody to call us."

The association, explains Toledano, is a kind of emotional Magen David Adom. "Most of the callers are people who are established in society and are too embarrassed to go openly to a clinic for help."

"One of the reasons for Eran's success is its complete anonymity: no names are asked, none given. Many people call more than once and our volunteers advise them to go to the Magen David Adom, to a hospital, clinic — whatever seems necessary. Sometimes, of course, the person just wants to talk."

"I was in the Mossad for 12 years,

and I know the value of secrecy," says the former MK. "The Mossad itself was not more careful in preserving anonymity."

Zaslani asked Toledano to revamp the entire Eran operation on a countrywide scale, to put the amateur organization on a professional basis and organize adequate and controlled budgets, instead of ad hoc, improvised fund-raising.

Before he started, Eran was active in five locations: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Netanya, and Beersheba. Each group operated separately, and made its financial decisions. The Ministry of Health did not provide any budget, and the

whole operation was run on a shoestring.

They are now merged into one association called Eran-Israel and the Health Ministry provides an adequate operating budget. A couple of months ago, on Eran Day, the association collected IS3m., which has been allocated for expansion.

Toledano went to Nazareth three times and met doctors, psychologists and social workers. They decided that there was an acute need for a branch of Eran among the Arabs, and agreed that Nazareth would contribute IS300,000 towards fulfilling that need. The Nazareth branch will come into existence some time in the future.

"OUR DIFFICULTY IS that we do not have enough lines," Toledano says. "We need to expand both in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. You can imagine how frustrating it is for a person in need to phone and get a constant engaged signal. Calls, of necessity, are often very long," he points out. "We get 33,000 calls around the country each year."

The telephones are manned by 400 volunteers of various ages. Before they are accepted for duty, they go on five- or six-month courses, run by psychiatrists, social workers and Eran veterans.

Even after they complete the courses, they spend weeks sitting beside experienced volunteers, listening to the way they handle calls.

One of Eran's problems is a lack of adequate research and follow-up. This is partly because of the rule of anonymity and partly because of insufficient funds.

"We are able to keep track of some people — with their permission — those who are repeat callers, or those who take our advice and go to Magen David Adom or a clinic or the police," says Toledano. "These records indicate that 60 per cent of people have certainly been helped. Now we hope to do further research on a more scientific basis. The Ministry of Health has agreed to allow us to use their computer, and we plan to send out 33,000 questionnaires."

"Eran Day was a great success — not only financially, but also because it put us vividly in the public eye. We would like to double our number of volunteers, as well as the number of telephones at our disposal. We want to have Friends of Eran societies in every city. Our dream is that no cry in the night should ever go unheeded."

For Jerusalemites, the Eran number is 669911 or 669912. Tel Aviv: 253311; Haifa: 538888; Netanya: 35316 and Beersheba: 418111.



Michael Assaf.

(Israel Sun)

Honoured journalist

A SCHOLAR and a man of vision, one who held controversial views on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Michael Assaf, who died this week at age 87, was awarded a special honour in 1981. The Tel Aviv Municipality awarded him a special Sokolow Prize for his long career as a commentator on Arab affairs. It was a fitting award in many ways.

Assaf founded the now defunct *El Yom Arabic* daily in 1948 and was its editor until 1960. He wrote many books relating to Arabs in Palestine. He was also an important figure in local journalism, one of the founders of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association, and for many years its head. He also helped to establish Beit Sokolow in Tel Aviv and became chairman of the World Union of Jewish Journalists. For more than half a century, he was a member of *Davar's* editorial staff (becoming head of its Arab desk) and he helped to found a number of weeklies.

His pen though was not limited just to the passing scene. His major studies and books include *History of the Arabs in Palestine*, which in 1935 won him the Bialik Prize of the Tel Aviv Municipality. *The Arab Rule in Palestine*, *The Arabs Under the Crusaders* and *The Arab Awakening and Flight: 1946-1948*. He also wrote a book about T.E. Lawrence. Tel Aviv awarded him the title of Distinguished Citizen.

Throughout the years Assaf believed that the origin of Arab-Israeli conflict was the Arabs' failure to accept Israel on a political basis. He castigated Arabs who proclaimed "Build, build, you won't stay here for the Sabbath!" and had little patience with Jews who proclaimed their holy right to claim the entire country for themselves.

"There were times," he wrote, "when Arabs criticized the Jews for

working the land themselves, instead of relying on hired labour. But when some Jews hired *fellahin* to do the heavy work for them, the scorn only increased." He reckoned peace would only come when the Arabs would realize that the Jews do not pose a threat, or when it became too difficult to remove them from the area.

MICHAEL ASSAF (Ossovsky) was a Third Aliya pioneer. He was born in Lodz on May 3, 1896 and graduated from a local teachers' seminary. He became principal of the Shalom Aleichem Hebrew elementary school and was one of the founding fathers of the Polish section of Hashomer Hatzair. He also set up a training (*hachshara*) farm near Lvov for prospective settlers in Palestine.

He arrived here with his group of *halutzim* in 1920, worked on road construction and was one of the founders of Kivutzat Gan Shmuel.

Assaf joined the Histadrut's first executive committee and headed the organization's cultural department. In 1925, the Histadrut sent him to Berlin's Oriental Institute to complete post-graduate studies in Hebrew and Arabic literature. There he also served as secretary of the Committee for Working Palestine. Upon his return, Assaf became the editor of *Hakikat El-Amur*, the Histadrut's Arabic weekly, and the head of *Davar's* Arab desk.

Even after his retirement, he continued to write and to take an active interest in the news. He was injured in an automobile accident last month, shortly after his last article on the Arab problem appeared in *Davar*.

He is survived by his son Amnon, his daughter Tamar and grandchildren. (A.Z.)

Ding dong doom

LISTENING IN... / By Ze'ev Schul

rest of them on the morning, noon-time and evening newscasts — not to mention all the features in between. The trouble was that it was all so repetitive.

Okay — so there's a consensus of expert opinion. So now we know. But enough is enough — is enough. Let's all show our anxiety by swooning to a soothing background of music. How about all tunes, no words one day a week? Maybe just half a day? One hour with nobody shooting his mouth off? Please?

EVEN THE DOINGS OF MK Aharon Abuhatzra failed to amuse me this week. I see that Abuhatzra will end up by being my reason for emigrating from this country. This time he was claiming expenses for nights spent in some

posh Jerusalem hostelry, while serving his sentence for fraud. His excuse was that MKs get their hotel expenses reimbursed even if they do not attend Knesset sessions.

All this came against the backdrop of the new Finance Ministry director-general telling us on Saturday morning that, unless we tighten our belts a couple of notches more, we won't even be able to buy fuel.

WANT SOME more gloom? The figures were tossed at us, mercilessly. An annual trade gap of \$5.5b. and a prospect of 300 per cent inflation this year. Almost in the same breath, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Gideon Patt, informed us on Wednesday afternoon that the government is about to sink \$8m. of the taxpayers' money into a second

chocolate factory. The minister's excuse for the investment was that "monopolies are something to be avoided."

I, for one, can think of other monopolies that merit far more urgent government curbs than Elite, which, it is generally agreed, produces quality goods at competitive prices. Perhaps the ministry's new formula for salvation is that two bankruptcies are better than one.

THEN THERE WAS Timna. Eight million dollars might have kept it going for another year, at least. The sound of that miner crying was heart-rending. I shared his agony.

If you are looking for some comfort, an item broadcast on two consecutive days by Israel Radio and the army station quoted the reputable London *Economist* to the effect that we were the "12th most livable-in country" out of 23 polled. We weren't told who voted what; it seems we are still ahead of Mexico, as well as China, the USSR and Poland.

THE YEAR'S most poignant story was the apology of former Givati Brigade commander Shimon Avidan to Kibbutz Nitzanim (which surrendered to the Egyptians in 1948). In a "Battle Page" written by the brigade's "political commissar," former partisan and ghetto fighter Abba Kovner, Avidan had labelled the surrender a "failure" — the implication being that the surrender had been a disgrace.

In a discreetly tucked-away, one-time announcement on the army station earlier this week, Avidan said he had erred, and asked surviving kibbutz members and their families to forgive him for a 35-year-old "slip of the tongue." The failure, Avidan said, did not stem from any shortcomings on the part of the kibbutz; the entire brigade was to blame.

One person who would not recant was author Abba Kovner. In keeping with his Jewish education, he evidently believes in not tampering with the written word.

Gila Yaron in particular were excellent. The orchestra responded to the conductor's directives with precision, and the enormous rhythmic intricacies of the score could have been executed as they were only with Gary Bertini. The audience offered generous and prolonged applause to artists and composer.

What could be achieved with simpler (and more effective) means was demonstrated in the other programme item, Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms written in 1930, at the request of Serge Koussevitzky, for the jubilee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Its spare orchestration, simple structure and choral lines create a beautiful atmosphere. This 23-minute work went by in no time, in contrast to the first work. Orgad's work, written over 16 years ago, might benefit from some trimming. It has many fine spots (in the prologue and the final "Kaddish," for example) in which less might become more.

YOHANAN BOEHM

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Geoffrey Simon (U.S.) conducting with Gila Yaron, soprano, and Margaret Fingerhut, piano (Haifa, Auditorium, December 25). Tchaikovsky: Triumphant Overture on the Danish National Hymn, Op.15; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No.2 in D minor for piano and orchestra, Op.40; Ma'yani: "Mizmorim" for soprano and chamber orchestra; Mozart:

Symphony No.41 in C major, K.551 ("Jupiter").

THE LEVEL of performance varied in this concert, which started off well with a lively rendition of Tchaikovsky's "Danish festival overture," written in 1866. Conductor Geoffrey Simon recently included it on a record of Tchaikovsky's well-known and lesser known works.

Margaret Fingerhut played Mendelssohn's second piano concerto with technical ability and musical phrasing. Her performance, mostly clear in texture, was fluent but somewhat lacked personal involvement. Conductor and orchestra provided a very efficient, flexible and careful accompaniment.

Ami Ma'yani's *Mizmorim* is based on Psalms 121 and 131, cantillation signs (*ta'amim*) and the liturgical songs of various Jewish communities. Soprano Gila Yaron sang with a clear voice and good diction, but there was not enough balance between her solo and the orchestra parts. Still, the presentation provided interest and was well-received by the audience.

Geoffrey Simon and the HSO presented a faithful and clear rendering of the "Jupiter" symphony, but one somewhat lacking in spirit and stimulus. It left this critic with mixed feelings about the presentation of the whole programme. ESTHER REUTER

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difficulties with higher notes; the alto was excellent, with a rich, velvety timbre; the tenor, though unelastic in phrasing, sang well; while the bass was lively and gave dramatic impulse to his lines.

The choir sang precisely and correctly, without giving much thought to dynamic and musical differentiations. Avner Itai directed with his customary total commitment, and the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra cooperated like a professional ensemble and provided a solid and reliable instrumental background.

LITURGICA 1983 — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini conducting; with Robin Weisel-Capozzi; Gila Yaron, soprano; Itai Weiss-Capozzi, alto; Andrew King, tenor; Yaron Weis-Capozzi, bass-baritone; the Kibbutz National Choir; the Kibbutz Academy Chamber Choir, Jerusalem (Stanley Spertus) (Jerusalem Theatre, December 28). Ben-Zion Orgad: "Mizmorim"; Cantata; Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms.

BEN-ZION ORGAD is a serious, committed composer whose sincerity is not to be doubted. He is not one looking for gimmicks to appear original. But his conception of the Psalms in mood was a surprisingly standard approach, and it seemed to me that Orgad applied too much intellect and too little heart. Every line and situation — the various soloists against the community praying, the positioning of the soloists on stage (which had no acoustical effect) — all seemed to have been carefully thought out, but I wonder whether the message intended reached the audience.

The performance was superb, under the energetic and all-embracing direction of Gary Bertini; and without exception, the soloists were in good form. Robin Weisel and

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Citrus growers and farmers assess the damage Loss of port go-slow strike may be a staggering \$9 million

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Export farmers are now counting the losses they suffered during the port workers' strike last month. Estimates are that the total damage was more than \$9 million.

Hardest hit were the citrus growers. A source at the Citrus Marketing Board said that apart from the financial losses of about \$5m, the loss in business reputation was also great. The stevedores timed their slow-down strike to interfere with the lucrative Christmas season. "This was the first time in dozens of years that the Israeli brand name 'Jaffa orange' was not seen in supermarkets and on festive tables in Europe."

About 150,000 crates of fruit spoiled on the wharves in Ashdod and Haifa and had to be destroyed. Other shipments are only now starting to reach the European markets — one month behind schedule.

At Agrexco the situation is also bad, but not as bad as in the citrus industry. The managing director of

Agrexco, Dr. Amotz Amiad, estimates his company's loss at about \$4m, of which \$900,000 will be covered by the government. The government granted this sum so that large quantities of vegetables and fruits handled by Agrexco could be flown abroad instead of waiting till the ports started working again.

Amiad said that this air-lift cut down losses and saved the company's reputation.

Some of the losses were due to the fact that ships had to leave Israel half empty. The stevedores worked so slowly that it was decided to send the ships half empty, rather than wait till they were fully loaded. Large quantities of fruit and vegetables had to be destroyed after being in cold storage for several weeks.

Fate had a final laugh in the sad story. After the produce finally started to leave Israel at a fast pace, shipments were stalled at the French port of Marseilles. It turned out that unconnected with the strike in Israel, the French port workers started their own go-slow action just after the Israeli strike ended.

S. Korea's overseas work contracts total \$11b.

SEOUL (AP). — South Korea's construction contracts signed overseas in 1983 totalled \$11.2b, about \$2b. above the target figure, a report by the Construction Ministry said.

The year's aggregate figure, however, was short of the previous year's total of \$13.38b.

Saudi Arabia continued to be the largest market for Korean construc-

tion firms, with \$4.4b. of new contracts signed in 1983. The figure represented a 43 per cent decrease from the previous year, however.

Libya was second, with \$3.93b., up 270 per cent from 1982, the report said.

Fifty-eight Korean companies have construction projects in 34 countries, the report said.

Queen Elizabeth raps media harassment

LONDON (AP). — Queen Elizabeth yesterday accused the media of harassing the royal family and asked editors to withdraw reporters and photographers from her Sandringham estate.

The reprimand came after London newspapers reported that an intruder had been found at the estate 160 kilometres from London.

The 57-year-old monarch authorized her spokesman to issue a

statement saying the press had been annoying the vacationing royal family at a time when they had previously been "left in peace."

It was only the second time the queen had personally urged Fleet Street editors to call back their troops. In December 1981, she called in the editors and asked them to ease pressure on Princess Diana, saying her daughter-in-law was under "great strain."

China wants to import high-technology

PEKING (AP). — China will intensify efforts to import sophisticated technology in 1984 and give "preferential treatment" to foreign firms that offer advanced equipment, the government has announced.

The official news agency Xinhua in a year-end article on China's goals for 1984 quoted senior officials as saying the country's decision to expand links with foreign countries is a "basic and long-term policy."



Fiat's marketing director for Europe, Lorenzo Cesare, seems justifiably proud as he leans on the fender of his company's new Uno model, which last week was voted the Car of the Year in Europe. The Uno is the fifth Fiat group car to win the award. The 124 was Car of the Year in 1967, the 128 in 1970 and the 127 in 1972. More recently, the Lancia Delta won in 1980.

The Uno is the result of an investment of over \$700 million of automated, robotized production systems. It is expected to become a successor of the 127 model, which was the top-selling car in Europe for six years.

U.S. banks get stiffer rules regarding international loans

WASHINGTON (AP). — When an international loan starts going bad, the U.S. government could compel American banks that made it to put away 10 per cent of its value in a special reserve.

The proposed new rule has been approved by U.S. bank inspectors and was officially published last week.

Ellen Stockdale, an information officer in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, said the information was being given to help banks prepare the reports they make after the end of the year. The rule would be among new and stiffer regulations required by a U.S. law passed November 30, 1983. The regulations are part of the deal made with Congress by President Ronald Reagan's administration in return for congressional approval of a new \$8.5 billion contribution to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Opponents of the IMF contribution maintained banks had been too eager to make loans that later turned shaky, and that the IMF is helping them out of their troubles.

Under the proposed rule, if the loan continued to look doubtful, the banks would have to put up reserves, increasing 15 per cent a year. The reserves could be reduced as the country's debt situation improved.

The American bank would have to charge the special reserves against its income, and could not count them as part of its capital and

surplus, or its allowance for other kinds of losses.

The requirement would limit the amount of money the bank could lend out and consequently its income, making the bank's balance sheet look weaker and casting doubt on the value of its stock and the judgment of its management.

The rule says inspectors would judge that the value of a loan was "significantly impaired" if a borrowing country had not fully paid interest for six months or had not complied with programmes of the IMF. Such programmes usually require austerity measures, like reductions in food subsidies and government spending.

Other grounds for declaring a loan "impaired" would be if a country did not meet for over a year the delayed payments it had negotiated with its creditors, or if it showed no definite prospects of being able to handle its debts in the near future.

MARRIAGES. — Over half of Belgian couples feel that national economic problems have contributed to a deterioration in the quality of their marriages, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

BUSES. — An Egged garage was opened yesterday in Jerusalem's Talpott neighbourhood. Costing 1580 million and covering four dunams, it will service 300 buses.

Aggressive marketing abroad will bring results, says Sharir. Tourism was bright spot in bleak year

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourism was the only "export" branch of the economy which grew in dollar terms during the past year, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Speaking on the summary of tourism statistics for 1983, Sharir said that tourism showed an increase of \$11 million in gross income during a period when other economic branches, except diamonds, were foundering. He expressed high hopes that the industry would grow far more quickly with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, whom he described as far more understanding of the importance of tourism than his predecessor, Yoram Aridor.

Sharir is now waiting for Cohen-Orad to make a decision on Sharir's proposal for a package deal, with all branches of the industry, as well as the government, contributing to make the country a more attractive tourist destination. "I'm showing the Finance Minister

how I can help him, not how he can help me," Sharir said.

According to Sharir, an investment by the government in marketing abroad could show immediate results in a few hundred thousand additional tourists this year, with the accompanying income. But, he added, this is only possible if we put the message over.

The tourism statistics for 1983 show that there were some 1,666,000 visitors from abroad last year. This was an increase of 17 per cent over the year before, but only 3 per cent more than during 1981.

Some 850,000 visitors came by air, 8 per cent more than during 1983, but 8 per cent less than during 1981. This year's land entries registered at 172,000, a full 77 per cent more than during the previous year.

Of the land visitors, some 52,000 were westerners who came by way of Jordan, taking advantage of the government decision in October 1982 to allow visitors to arrive and leave via the Jordan bridges. Only 40,000 who came from Egypt, 3,000

were actually residents of that country and there is some doubt whether many of these were tourists in the conventional sense.

A total of 124,000 visitors arrived by boat, an increase of 27 per cent over 1982. The vast majority of those visiting by sea were passengers on cruise ships, stopping for one, or at the most two days, at Haifa or Ashdod. However, some 21,000 were American sailors from ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, which docked in Israel.

Last year saw a new record in the number of tourists from the U.S., 350,000, or 32 per cent more than the previous year. This was also 17 per cent more than 1979, which until now was the peak year for visitors from the U.S., with 298,000.

The number of visitors from Europe, on the other hand, came to 580,000, only one per cent more than in 1982 and 18 per cent less than in 1981.

The statistics also showed that 4,300 tourists came from Japan last year, and another 2,000 from South Korea.

U.S. calls for lifting of Wales restrictions

VIENNA (AP). — Polish labour leader Lech Walesa has called for the lifting of U.S. sanctions against Poland.

In an interview published yesterday in the Vienna weekly news magazine *Profil*, the winner of the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize was quoted as saying: "I believe that the restrictions imposed by the American government have fulfilled their task. This is why they should now be waived."

But Walesa said he was not sure whether western countries should continue to provide the Polish government with new loans and credits.

"We have no knowledge of whether credits and loans are correctly used" by the Polish government, he said.

Walesa predicted new mild price hikes in late January, followed by another round of sharper increases, suggesting the Polish population would react with apathy rather than rebellion.

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Shares, bonds, shekel down sharply

TEL AVIV. — It was far from a happy start on the stock exchange. During the first trading session of the new year, share and bond prices fell in some cases sharply.

Most observers considered yesterday's selloff as an ominous sign for the capital market, at least in the short term. On the share market there were 66 securities which could not be traded as there were no buyers to be found. As a result these 66 securities were established as "sellers only" and their price was automatically adjusted downward by 5 per cent, without any trading taking place. Moreover, there were an additional 140 securities whose prices were pared by margins of 5 to 10 per cent.

The bank shares, regarding which there is an agreement with the Treasury, were mainly unchanged. Other shares in the banking group were lower and FIBI was on the "sellers only" list. Trading turnover dipped below the IS500 million level.

The index-linked bond market continued to be more active than the share market, with turnovers in excess of IS610m. Bond prices fell, in some cases by as much as 3 per cent.

Later in the day the government announced further price rises of 18 per cent in subsidized foodstuffs.

Conventional logic would point to higher prices for index-linked bonds when trading begins this morning. Should the prices of bonds be lower, it will reflect a replacement of logic by psychological consideration — primarily a loss of confidence.

The shekel was devalued by IS1.26 in relation to the dollar. The devaluation of the shekel, according to the Treasury, is to be maintained.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

in a direct proportion to the rise in inflation.

Losses of up to 5 per cent were noted in a downward moving mortgage bank group. Observers have pointed out that the profitability of mortgage banks will be damaged by an increasing rate of inflation.

The shares of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, which fell by 10 per cent, were the major losers among specialized financial institution issues.

Many of the shares in this group were registered as "sellers only" and were lowered by the customary 5 per cent.

Ten per cent losses in the insurance equity group included: Reinsurance Co., Hashem, Yardenia 0.1 and 0.5. The Hashem option was clobbered for a loss of not less than 40.5 per cent.

Ten per cent losses punctuated the service and trade group. Recent newcomers to the exchange, Meir Ezra saw his options fall by nearly 13 per cent while the ordinary shares declined by 10.1 per cent.

Supersol shares were 10 per cent losers. Delek also joined the issues which fell by 10 per cent. The Nikuv Computers and attendant option were all on the "sellers only" list. The Clal Computers issues were on the "sellers only" list while Data was a 10 per cent loser.

There was little joy to be found in the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group. Ben

Yakar fell by 15 per cent while its option fell by 10 per cent, in the wake of a "sellers only" listing.

Property and Building was 4.1 per cent lower while Bayside 0.1 lost 9.6 per cent. Losses of up to 10 per cent were clearly visible in this group, as well.

Industrials were also the object of selling and lower prices. Elron Electronics moved against the general trend, and was fractionally higher. Elbit was unchanged. Israeli Petrochemicals were 10.1 per cent lower while the shares of the Dead Sea Works declined by nearly 7 per cent. Clal Industries, which is now traded in the industrial group, was down by 5 per cent, in the aftermath of being posted as "sellers only."

Investment equities fared poorly. The shares of the Israel Corporation fell by 8.1 and 5.0 per cent, respectively. Clal Israel 50 shares were 5 per cent lower as a result of being "sellers only." Phryon also joined the circle of "sellers only." Oil shares continued to fall and prices declined by as much as 10 per cent.

Yesterday marked the first day of the new sectoral listings on the stock exchange.

The Company for the Organization of Congresses and Special Events published its first prospectus covering a new financing issue. The issue is being underwritten by Leumi Investment Bank.

There were many companies whose shares did not trade yesterday due to their announcing semi-annual results. These included: Maquette, Dekner, Naphtha, Sdom Metals, Umar, She-Har, Mishael, Securities, Arledan, Rapac, Arazim, Dared, Tromasbestos, Sheldot, J.O.E.L., Bar-Ton, Katzenstein, Yaana, Onen, Clever Resources and Argaman.

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Cabinet seeks fig leaf

THE CABINET, the majority of it anyway, is anxious for a "package deal" with the Histadrut. The idea was broached on Sunday by the deputy premier, David Levy, who was obviously thinking of the interests of his worker constituency. But more than a few of his colleagues, though not the finance minister, also found it highly attractive.

It is not difficult to see why. The cabinet is called upon to pare down public expenditures but cannot bring itself to do what is necessary. The next budget will remain at this year's level. Broken down into its component parts, even Mr. Cohen-Orad's brave original proposal revealed nothing but a redistribution of spending. Less will be spent on government operations, and more on the repayment of internal and external loans. Much of the repaid internal loans will be consumed by the public, fuelling inflation. Meanwhile, the recession into which the economy is inexorably moving will increase unemployment.

There are no answers to these problems in the Treasury's plans, to the extent that they have already been unveiled. It is only natural, then, that the cabinet should seek its salvation elsewhere. Hence the decision to initiate negotiations "with elements in the economy to find ways to avoid unemployment and halt inflation."

The phrase "elements in the economy" spells, first and foremost, the Histadrut. The intention is clear: while the cabinet takes action that accelerates inflation and deepens the recession, it will be left for the Histadrut to rally the workers to the support of official policies — to tighten their belts and help moderate the impact of government actions.

However, if there is any reason for the Histadrut to undertake that ungrateful task, it has not been produced.

To be sure, the Histadrut should cooperate with the government, and the employers, on concrete issues as they arise. The federation's secretary, Yehoram Meshel, and his deputy, Yisrael Kassar, have already said it will do so. But there is no likelihood that it will agree to the government-sponsored "package deal" — even if, as the Likud faction rightly insists, it is put to the vote in the full Executive.

It might have been otherwise if the Histadrut were to become a genuine partner in economic policy-making. In that case a true "social compact" could have been devised so as to control both wages and prices. This, however, in the conditions of Israel, would presuppose the participation of the Labour opposition in the cabinet. A "package deal" is in effect being suggested as a substitute for a national unity government.

Police make progress

THERE HAVE NOT, regrettably, been too many opportunities lately to offer praise to the security forces for their success in upholding the principle of equal justice for Jew and Arab in the administered territories. When such an opportunity offers itself, it must not be missed.

Under the direction of one of the country's best detectives, Tat-Nitzav Armand Levy of National Police Headquarters, three Jews were brought to Rehovot's magistrate court late last week for remand as suspects in the murder of 11-year-old Aisha al-Bach. The young girl was killed, and her sister wounded, hours after a stone-throwing Arab demonstration in Nablus in early December, when a man, said to have been a Jewish settler, ran into a bakery more than a kilometre from the scene of the demonstration and shot it up.

Two of the three suspects are from the neighbouring settlement of Elon Moreh, and the third is an armed guard on Egged buses that travel the West Bank roads between settlements. All three, it must be stressed, are at this stage merely suspected of taking part in the murderous act. It is for the state to prove their guilt.

But at least the police believe they have collected enough evidence to prosecute them. This advanced stage has not yet been reached in the search — if it is still going on — for the person, or persons, who set off the bombs over three years ago that crippled two West Bank mayors and blinded a Border Police sapper, nor in the quest for the murderers of the three students at Hebron's Islamic College last summer.

The killer, or killers, of Emil Grunzweig, the Peace Now demonstrator in Jerusalem over a year ago, are also still at large.

Recently, a Jewish organization calling itself Terror Against Terror, or TNT for short, has been claiming responsibility for a series of hand grenade attacks on Christian and Moslem institutions and prayer houses in Jerusalem and Hebron that have already sent three people to hospital. Police investigators are reported to be convinced that IDF-trained saboteurs are at work in these cases, and they are worried.

The government, however, would rather bury its head in the sand and, perhaps in embarrassment, deny the patent threat. The justice minister, Moshe Nissim, has assured the Knesset that there are no organized Jewish terror cells based in the West Bank and Jerusalem — as though it mattered where the cells are based. Such complacency at the top does not encourage incentive for a thorough investigation on the ground.

The need for laws against racism

By NATAN LERNER

ISRAELI TV did the nation a favour by showing the ugly face of racist hooliganism. Not that TV should be used to voice racist views. Freedom of expression has its limitations in every civilized society, and racist incitement should remain beyond such limits. But it is important for the public to become aware of the existence of dangerous centres of infection, which have to be controlled and eliminated, for many reasons.

The main reason, of course, is that racism is morally wrong and legally unacceptable. It would seem unnecessary to go further and prove that also for practical political and social reasons, racist discrimination has to be eradicated in a country like Israel as soon as possible. But, as things are developing in Israel, the problem is apparently not with those who might claim — as has been done — that racist distinctions are necessary, and that discrimination among the different sectors of the country's population is good for Jews. With those who argue that way, any discussion is superfluous.

The problem is with those who condemn racism, who see in it an evil, but still believe that a democratic, liberal, Western-style state has no alternative but to live with some manifestations of racist discrimination, because, otherwise, it would be giving up other important values such as the freedoms of speech and expression, association and peaceful reunion.

The terms "racist" and "racism" are used here in a broad sense as ap-

plicable to all manifestations aimed at making some members of the population a second-class category. They cover discrimination and incitement of Jews against Arabs and vice-versa; of Ashkenazi Jews against Sephardi Jews, and vice-versa; of religious against less religious or non-religious persons, and vice-versa. In these three areas, we are confronting explosive situations, and the three of them require speedy action.

Apparently, Israeli law-makers and law-interpreters agree that discrimination, in the accepted legal sense of this term, is not permissible when ethnicity is involved, although we have recently witnessed attempts to give to some what is denied to others, under the pretext of unequal situations concerning military duties, forgetting that the origin of that inequality is not the result of the free will of the affected ones. But concerning discrimination, the consensus is quite wide and no serious legal personality is defending open discrimination, although some more or less dissimulated forms of discrimination have found their way into public life.

There is also, of course, full agreement on the need to stop material violence. It is concerning incitement that the situation is different, and voices are repeating arguments long abandoned in the majority of democratic countries. Essentially, they always surround the matters of free expression and association and "practical" con-

siderations, such as not making the offenders too important, and the need to trust education rather than the law. Some reminders are necessary for those who argue that way.

IN MOST countries of the world Jews systematically took the view that incitement on racial or religious grounds has to be curbed not only when it implies a direct and immediate instigation to violence — which would always be illegal — but also when it means incitement to discrimination or hatred beyond the limits of utterances that do not fall under the law. It is true that in the U.S. Jewish organizations and opinion are divided, with some going as far as accepting the Skokie march of Nazis as part of the American civil rights tradition. Anywhere else — Great Britain, France, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, the Scandinavian countries — Jews favoured legislation against racist incitement. Several of the adopted laws were, in fact, proposed or even prepared by Jews. It would seem preposterous that safeguards for which we fought all over the world should be opposed in Israel.

Israel has an international obligation to enact legislation against discrimination, racist incitement and racist organizations and propaganda. In 1979, Israel ratified the International Convention on Racial Discrimination, and did not express any reservation on those articles that impose the duty to adopt steps to the effect of achieving the

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aims of the convention. It is now taking too long to make the convention operational within our legal system. Advocacy of discrimination, intolerance or hatred based on racist or religious grounds should clearly be outlawed, if we want to be loyal to the principles to which the nation committed itself when it declared its independence.

The civilized world offers examples worth following by a state that proclaims its adherence to the lofty ideals of equality and justice. The Council of Europe, an international organization that certainly cannot be subjected to criticism concerning its respect for fundamental freedoms in the best Western tradition, prepared in 1968 a draft Model Law calling for the proscription of incitement to hatred, intolerance, discrimination or violence against groups of persons distinguished by colour, race, ethnic or national origin or religion.

To mention Jewish sources, already in 1948, the World Jewish Congress, at its second plenary assembly, appealed to all governments and nations to outlaw racism and anti-Semitism, especially by "making incitement to hatred against racial and religious groups a punishable offence under domestic law," and by "prohibiting the misuse of freedom of speech, press or assembly" for the spreading of racism. In 1962, the Special European Conference on Anti-Semitism and the Nazi-Fascist Revival, con-

vened by the European executive of the World Jewish Congress, urged all states to enact legislative measures making a punishable offence "incitement to hatred or to violence or arbitrary measures against ethnic, racial or religious groups, and insulting or maliciously exposing such groups to contempt."

ONE COULD bring many other examples to prove that liberal and freedom-loving nations and organizations, including the organized world Jewish community, have persistently advocated legal measures, among them criminal laws, to stop racist incitement. What has been said should not be interpreted as expressing a formalistic approach. Good legislation alone is not enough. Education has a tremendous role to play in this respect. With very few exceptions, the modern democratic society has now accepted that the law must be used to suppress some social evils which, if tolerated, would destroy the rule of law and democratic coexistence. In the balance between freedoms, choices are necessary. Time is running out. Legislators, educators, sociologists, the press, the universities, the labour leadership, cannot delay any longer trying to conceive some coherent national minimum standard of social behaviour.

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READERS' LETTERS

ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The entire religious community must unequivocally disassociate itself from the abhorrent actions of the so-called Orthodox Safad residents who threatened to physically prevent the entry of Ethiopian immigrants to their neighbourhood. Those of us who objected in the past to government insensitivity to assuring the quality of religious life for immigrants from non-Western countries should be especially careful to welcome the Falasha immigrants. The oral and written injunctions of Torah gains such as Rav Moshe Feinstein and Rav Ovadia Yosef concerning the necessity to extend material and

spiritual assistance to the Falasha community demand the exact opposite response from the Safad residents.

It is simply inconceivable that people who have risked life and limb to reach Israel, often despite the apathy of the organs of Establishment Jewry, should be treated as pawns in a tug-of-war between local residents and the Ministry of Housing.

I hope that Safad's resident quickly come to their senses and prevent an ignominious *hilon Hashem* from spreading further.

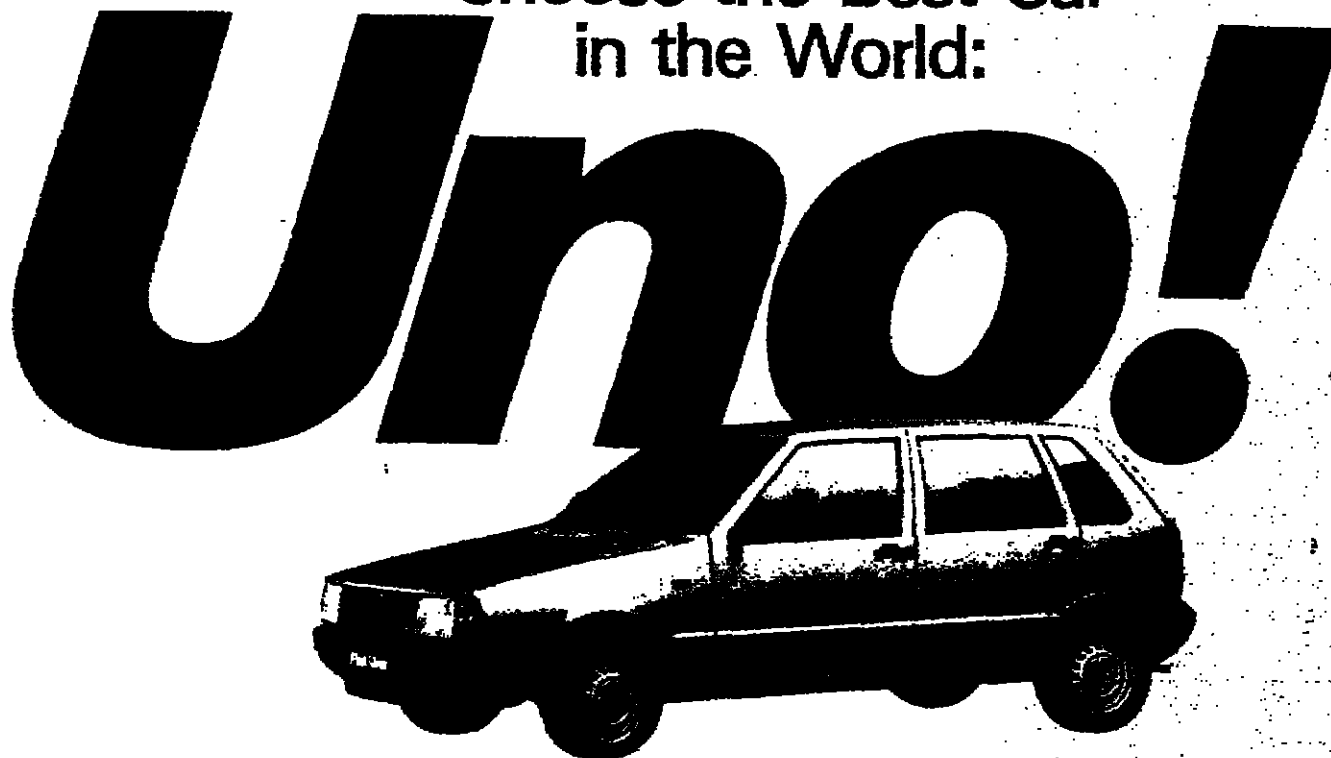
YISRAEL WOOLF
Avalon.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In view of the recent controversy in the press concerning the arrival of Ethiopian families to Safad we, as Western settlers of the city, would like to record our intention and desire to do everything possible to help absorb and integrate these new immigrants into our community.

We are appealing to the local residents for warm clothing and shoes as the Ethiopian people are not prepared for our cold, Safad winter.

BERNARD WOOLF
President, Safad Western Settlers Safad.

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a woman soldier who is the daughter of a senior Egged official helped trace the bus and arranged for the transfer of a door frame to the millionaire, who flew home with it.

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